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ISRAEL SEEKS DIALOGUE WITH ARAB NEIGHBORS

Israel stronger better prepared -Eban

by M. Soloman

An Israel much stronger, better militarily prepared and more confident of the future, that is the image of the Jewish State as conveyed to the Montreal Jewish community by Mr. Abba Eban the Israeli Foreign Minister in his public address Saturday, Oct. 2. Speaking before a 4,500 strong audience at the Queen Elizabeth Hotel with thousands more resigned to listening to the address over the public address system Mr. Eban outlined Israel's ideal in the following

ABBA EBAN

words. "Israel's highest aim is peace for all peoples in the Middle East. But peace continues to be denied and she'll not sit down and weep behind the river and wilt away but prosper and flourish even without peace and in spite of the Arab State's refusal to grant her recognition."

During his more than one hour exposition Mr. Eban touched on the major problems affecting Israel today beginning with the country's growing national debt as the result of growing immigration and corresponding increasing need for housing and education and ending with the "mysterious and strange explorations" from the Soviet Union and its satellites.

Five points Peace proposal

Mr. Eban reiterrated Israel's preparedness to engage in a "complete dialogue" with her Arab neighbors as a necessary preamble to the solution of the intricate Middle East problems. He warned Sadat and the Egyptian government that "they will bear a heavy responsibility if they reject each of Israel's five proposals for a peaceful settlement as outlined before the UN general assembly namely:

1. Agreement to disengage in the Suez canal sector
2. Resumption of negotiation without prior conditions under the auspices of Ambassador Jarring in conformity with the resolution 242.
3. Convening of a conference of Middle

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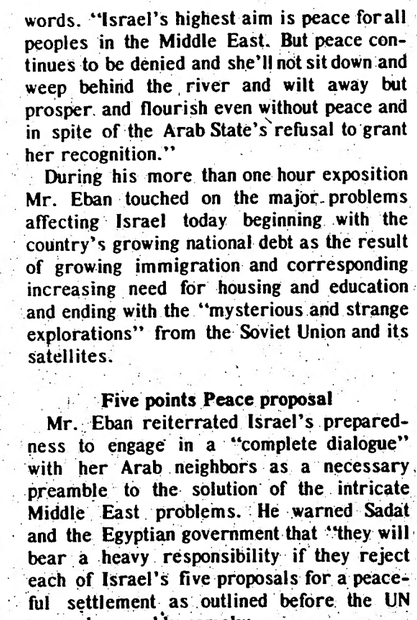

Prayers at the Western Wall with Lul'Av and Esrog.

(Israel Sun Photo)

English students demonstrate before Russian Embassy in London.

Protest to greet Kosygin

by Paul Ogden

A major rally and demonstration protesting the treatment of Soviet Jewry has been planned for Monday, Oct. 25 in Nathan Phillips Square. It will coincide with Soviet Premier Kosygin's arrival in Toronto.

Planned and coordinated by the Action Committee for Soviet Jewry - an arm of the Canadian Jewish Congress - the rally will be one of many demonstrations and marches held across Canada by both Jewish groups and concerned Gentiles.

The Civic Square rally will be preceeded by a national demonstration to be held in Ottawa on Oct. 19. Although plans have not yet been finalized, Congress sources feel that the capital rally will focus on the Soviet Embassy.

Rabbis from across Canada will try and meet the Soviet leader and urge upon him a reversal of the policies of his government. The rabbinical protest will be led by Rabbi Dr. W. Gunther Plaut, chairman of the National Religious Affairs Committee of the Congress.

The Action Committee for Soviet Jewry has emphasized that the occasion of Premier Kosygin's presence in Canada is a unique and unexpected opportunity to register the most effective protest carried out in the last several years.

A spokesman for the Committee said, "We strongly urge the Jewish communities and all organizations to give this two week period the highest possible priority."

Jewish communities throughout Canada are working through the Action Committee network to coordinate their own protest programs. The Committee emphasizes that while the series of events will be "dramatic" they are planned with the stress on orderly protest.

Montreal, which is home to Canada's largest Jewish community, will be holding a mass rally at the Place Bonaventure Exhibition Hall on Thursday, Oct. 21. The guest speaker will be singer Theodore Bikel.

The Student Council for Soviet Jews and the Action Committee for Soviet Jewry of the Canadian Jewish Congress will be staging its annual Simchas Torah Rally tomorrow night. It will start with a torch light march leaving Queen's Park in Toronto at 7:45 p.m. The marchers will rally in Nathan Phillips Square in front of city hall.

Participating will be students and adults from all areas of the Jewish community. The rally will act as a kickoff for the Soviet Jewry demonstrations to be held in conjunction with Premier Kosygin's visit to Canada in the next few weeks.

A flashlight march to the Russian Cpnsulate has been planned for Simchat Torah. The flashlights, which all participants will be urged to carry, are to symbolize the road to freedom lit for Soviet Jewry.

The Student Action Committee for Soviet Jews, with chapters at both York and the University of Toronto, is planning a demonstration of its own at the Ontario Science Center at Don Mills and Eglinton where Kosygin will be speaking to the Canadian

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Appeal to Tribunal

Zionists dispute election method

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

NEW YORK

The American Zionist Federation has been assailed on two fronts by two of its constituent groups.

The Zionist Organization of America charged that the AZF was thwarting democratic elections for the 152 delegates from the United States to the World Zionist Congress scheduled in January in Jerusalem. Herman L. Weisman, ZOA president, charged that the mail ballot method chosen by the AZF to elect delegates was "a travesty of the democratic process" and stated that the ZOA had filed an appeal with the World Zionist Court to have the method invalidated.

At the same time, in a separate attack on the AZF, the Americans for Progressive Israel-Hashomer Hatzair, a Socialist-Zionist group which identifies itself ideologically with Mapam in Israel, charged that the AZF "has stifled attempts to invigorate the Zionist movement by a sharp debate of the ideological issues within it" and that it has failed to carry out its mandate given it at the founding conference in May 1970 to invigorate the Jewish community with a deeper consciousness of Zionism and community democracy.

Rabbi Israel Miller, president of the AZF, issued a statement today categorically rejecting "the attack" by Weisman. It was not immediately known whether he will also answer the allegations by API-HH. Weisman said approval of the AZF's election method has been made possible by an "illicit agreement" among some American Zionist organizations which he asserted had predetermined the distribution of 76% of the 152 delegates. He said the appeal to the Tribunal, a juridical panel empowered to hear and rule on matters relating to the Congress elections, asked that the AZF method of voting be declared "null and void."

The ZOA, Weisman continued, also sent an appeal to the World Zionist Organization Executive urging it to direct the AZF to "desist and refrain" from implementing the election process until a decision is reached by the Tribunal.

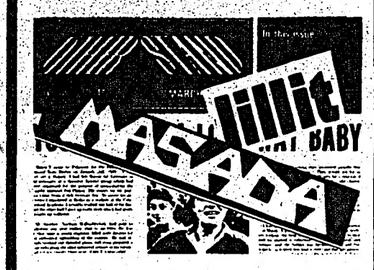
The Federation, composed of 13 American Zionist groups, including the ZOA, is acting as a territorial organization of the World Zionist Organization in the U.S. It has final power, through its Area Elections Committee, to conduct and supervise the election of U.S. delegates to the Congress.

Rabbi Miller strongly defended its plans for a nationwide postal ballot to elect American delegates to the World Zionist Congress. He noted that the plan was accepted by more than 80% of the AZF election committee in which all Zionist organizations are represented.

"It offers the entire constituency of 700,000 enrolled American Zionists an opportunity to elect, by secret personal ballot, more than half of the 152 delegates from the United States through a nationwide postal ballot reaching into every corner of the American Jewish community," Rabbi Miller said.

"It further calls for the election of the balance of the delegates by the organizations in proportion to their verified membership strengths, thus insuring a proper place for Zionist bodies which have played a meaningful role in Zionist endeavors," Rabbi Miller added. He asserted that "proper conditions and procedures guarantee both the secrecy and honesty of the balloting."

He said these were now being worked out with an independent non-profit election agency of proven integrity and with many years of experience in conducting postal balloting in this country. "The AZF plan, therefore, is not a 'travesty of democracy' as Mr. Weisman contends; it is rather an affirmation of democracy," Rabbi Miller said.



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David Ben Gurion to celebrate 85th birthday

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

TEL AVIV

Former Premier David Ben Gurion will be 85 on Oct. 16, but the celebration of the event will be spread over 10 weeks "so as not to tire the Old Man too much," in the words of one of his close aides. On Oct. 6 governmental and Jewish Agency officials made a pilgrimage to Ben Gurion's home at Sde Boker in the Negev, where they convened under a succah and in a large shed. The annual meeting of the Bible Circle was also held at Ben Gurion's cottage the same day.

On Oct. 7 the former Premier was the guest of a group of former Americans, Canadians and Russians now living in Israel. On Oct. 22 Ben Gurion will be honored at a dinner of the United Jewish Appeal Study Mission. The committee coordinating the festivities, headed by Premier Golda Meir, has issued a recording of Ben Gurion's major addresses, and the Knesset will present him with a book containing all his parliamentary speeches. The Jewish Agency is sending out background material on the white-haired statesman to Jewish schools around the world.

Kanee still candidate for CJC presidency

by CJN Staff

Sol Kanee of Winnipeg, in a telephone interview with the CJN explained reports that he is no longer a candidate for the position of president of the Canadian Jewish Congress. The man, generally conceded to be the front runner for the position presently occupied by retiring president, Monroe Abbey, explained that the reported statement suggesting his withdrawal had been intended to give dramatic emphasis to his support of the proposed merger between the Canadian Jewish Congress and the United Jewish Welfare Fund of Toronto.

At a meeting of the CJC national executive held in Toronto on Sunday, Sept. 26, at the close of a lengthy debate, Kanee had stated, "I told my senior colleagues on the national executive that I am no longer a candidate for the office of president. I did that after careful consideration in order to dramatize what is involved.

In the interview Kanee explained the background of his statement. He said that as chairman of the Congress national executive committee and as one of its senior officers he had been placed under considerable pressure to make himself available for the presidency.

"In the meantime, I have been concerned about the fragmentation of Jewish life in

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Beginning with next week's edition, by special permission of the author, the CJN will reprint excerpts from The Jewish Community in Canada by Rabbi Stuart Rosenberg. The book, the second of two volumes detailing the history of Canada's Jews, is subtitled "In the midst of freedom."

Hebrew to be subject in schools

by Ben Gailor

Local Boards of Education could offer Hebrew and Yiddish, as credit subjects, in the next academic year. This innovation may come about, as a result of expansion of the number of languages taught for credit towards high school graduation. These are currently, English, French, German, Spanish, Italian, Russian, Ancient Greek, and Latin.

Education Minister Robert Welch announced this week his Department's policy, "is now to be expanded, so that secondary schools may offer to their students in the senior division, locally-developed courses for diploma credit in any modern or classical language of interest to a particular community."

In his broadly-worded statement, the Education Minister indicated, "The various ethno-cultural groups in Ontario have long striven to preserve for their children some knowledge of the language of their parents and grandparents, and this new policy, it is hoped, will encourage and strengthen these efforts."

Speaking at a news conference, in his 22nd floor Bay Street office, Mr. Welch made it clear that the additional languages could be taught only by certified teachers. The courses will be offered in Grade XI and beyond,

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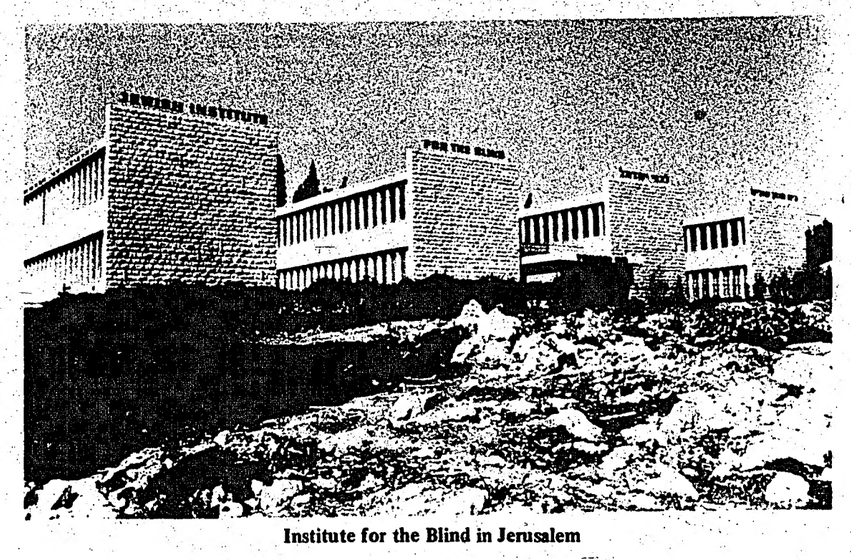
Robert Welch

Organizations and People

what's new . . .

by Miriam Herman



Institute for the Blind in Jerusalem

The Institute for the Blind in Jerusalem, now in its 70th year, serves as home and school for blind children and retarded blind adults. It provides educational programs and workshops to equip them with the skills and qualifications needed to live full and productive lives. They are trained as musicians, artists, switchboard operators, secretaries, teachers etc. The institute was the first to convince IBM that blind people make excellent computer operators.

Israel provides approximately 25% of the institute's operating budget. Charitable organizations, such as the Canadian Friends for Jewish Blind, supply the balance. Funds are raised by membership fees or vocabulary contributions.

Contributions and inquiries can be made to Canadian Friends for Jewish Blind, 350 Adelaide St. West, Toronto 2B.

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Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda is planning a unique tour to Israel in November. The presentation of a Torah, by an anonymous donor, to a sister congregation in Bat Yam, Israel, has been the impetus for the proposed tour. About 50 people from the Toronto Synagogue will attend the presentation.

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The speaker at the autumn meeting of the Women's Auxiliary of the New Mount Sinai Hospital to be held on Oct. 13 at the Primrose Club is to be Mr. Monty Simmonds, the hospital's president. His topic will be "Mount Sinai Hospital - Tomorrow's Reality Today."

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A year of special programing is being planned to celebrate Holy Blossom Temple Sisterhood's 50th anniversary. The opening luncheon on Oct. 12 will begin the year on a note of nostalgia. Twenty-eight charter members have been sent invitations and 19 past presidents, four of whom are charter members, are expected to attend. Mrs. Barnett Brichner, the founding president will be coming in from Cleveland, Ohio. Her late husband was the rabbi of the congregation at the time the sisterhood was organized in 1921. Mrs. Brichner's son, Rabbi Balfour Brichner, director of the Commission on Interfaith of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, will be the guest speaker. His topic is to be "Sisterhoood: Yesterday, Today, Tomorrow."

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A course in "Hebrew Style" will be available to teachers of Toronto Jewish Schools on Wednesday evenings beginning Oct. 13. Sponsored by Toronto Midrasha l'Morim and the Board of Jewish Education, the course will be given by Dr. Raphael Sappan, visiting professor of Hebrew Language and Literature at the University of Toronto. The lectures, all in Hebrew, will be given at 3630 Bathurst St.

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Two weeks ago, the Stashiver Young Men of Toronto gave a reception in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Jan Czarne of Stashiv, Poland. During the war the Czarnes saved the life of a two year old girl who later became Mrs. Lichtblau, living here in Toronto. The Czarnes were invited to visit the Lichtblaus and the reception was given by the society to express their thanks and appreciation.

. . . about people

Al Regenstreif

Montrealer **Al Regenstreif** (left) has recently been appointed national executive director of the Canadian Friends of Bar-Ilan University. While on a recent visit to the Bar-Ilan Campus at Ramat Gan, Israel, Mr. Regenstreif met with leading members of the university's administrative and academic staff. The Canada Science Building (right), houses laboratories for post-graduate research.

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Professor Milton Israel and family have returned to Toronto after a year's sabbatical spent in New Delhi, India. The University of Toronto history professor was there to do research on the organization of propaganda in the Indian nationalist movement between the two world wars. This was the second sojourn in India for the Israels. They had been there previously in 1962-63.

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Dr. Louis Finkelstein, chancellor of the Jewish Seminary of America, has announced his intention of resigning as of June 30, 1972. Dr. Finkelstein will continue to teach at the seminary and will retain his post at the head of the newly organized Institute for Advanced Studies in the Humanities.

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Dr. Charles Best, co-discoverer of insulin, is to receive an honorary doctorate from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem on Dec. 23. This degree is to be awarded on the 50th anniversary of the discovery of insulin.

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An 80th birthday party is being given for **Rose Smith** by her children on Sunday, Oct. 10. Mrs. Smith, together with her late husband, operated Smith's Bay House in Port Carling for many years. It was one of the first Jewish 'in places' for young adults in that area. Included in the invitation list are many of the guests of the hotel.

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Sonia "Dolly" Roth's award winning sculpture in the Gears exhibition at Nathan Phillips Square was her first attempt at sculpting. Mrs. Roth, who usually paints in oils (as a hobby) is a very busy businesswoman - she provides on-location settings for television companies. Many of the homes seen in TV commercials are lined up by her company.

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Kerry Rubenstein is the first Jewish girl to be named Miss United Appeal. A winner over 54 other contestants, the 17 year old high school student will be appearing on behalf of the United Appeal at various functions during her 5 week reign.

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Elly Stone, internationally known singing star, whose appearance here in **Jacques Brel Is Alive . . .** was greeted with critical acclaim, will be returning to Toronto on Oct. 28. She will be performing at Massey Hall.

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We have been getting enquiries about the excellent pictures for **Judy Platt's** photo essay last week about Toronto Jewish youth spending the summer in Israel. Credit goes to the authoress herself and student **Millard Lerman.**

ELLY STONE

Henpecked?

Power behind Sadat

magazines

by Arnold Ages

Anwar el Sadat a henpecked husband? That's one of the suggestions made in a piece by a journalist in the Sept. 12 issue of **L'Express** (France's Time magazine).

Sadat evidently married well in terms of the social conventions. But his wife is an ambitious woman who is very strong-willed.

"In the small world where power is concentrated," writes the **L'Express** correspondent about Egypt's ruling clique, "the wives of the political leaders know each other quite well and there is a great deal of jealousy.

"Sadat's wife, having become the first lady in the regime, has conditioned her husband to adopting a more aggressive posture by constantly repeating that he is the strongest man in Egypt . . ."

Eshes chail?

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Walter Minton, president of Putnam's, the firm which has recently used the phrase "Jews Control Crime in the United States," in advertising a new book about Meyer Lansky, the reputed underworld figure, claims that it appeared originally in an Israeli newspaper.

Publisher's Weekly, the Bible of the book industry, reports that Minton disputes the ADL's declaration that the advertising blurb is "an affront to the entire Jewish community."

"I am absolutely appalled," said Putnam's president, "at both the position of the Anti-Defamation League and at the reaction of those who blithly accept its handouts."

Minton has been so upset by the Jewish reaction to his new book about gambler Meyer Lasky, that he is considering legal action.

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On Sept. 27 **U.S. News & World Report** said that many Egyptian pilots sent to the Soviet Union for advanced flight training, have been washed out.

Factors include failure to pass health tests, lack of educational background and weakness in aptitude tests.

Egypt is now in the bizarre situation of having far more planes than competent pilots to fly them.

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Felix De Cola's intemperate attack on the Yiddish language, reported here recently, provoked no less than half a dozen violent denunciations in the letters section of the current **Saturday Review.**

De Cola's suggestion that Yiddish was no more than a crude patois, elicited a response from Harry Zahn, a professor of German, who stated that his appreciation of that language detracted in no way from his love of Yiddish.

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Rabbi L.I. Rabinowitz has written a provocative article about the way in which the new moon (Rosh Hodesh) has been neglected as a holiday in Judaism.

In the Sept. issue of **Israel** (the most readable popular magazine published in English in Israel), the learned rabbi observes that "there has been a sudden interest in reviving this lost holiday officially."

Since observant Jews are opposed to violations of the Sabbath and non-observant Jews annoyed by restrictions imposed by the State, the designation of Rosh Hodesh as a national holiday each month, would help ease intra-community tensions.

"If adopted," writes Rabbi Rabinowitz, "Israel will have retrieved a lost monthly holiday, and the Jewish year will include a few extra rest days free from the Sabbath and festival restrictions even for the Orthodox, as in days of yore."

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Unique house warmed by guests of cardiologist

by Miriam Herman

It was a gala evening on Saturday, Sept. 18 when Dr. and Mrs. E. Maurice Heller entertained at cocktails at their new Penwood Crescent home. The occasion? - a combined housewarming and 10th anniversary celebration. Dr. Heller, well known cardiologist, served for four years as governor for the American College of Cardiology for the province of Ontario, the first Jewish cardiologist to be appointed to that post. His wife Barbara, an actress-model before her marriage, still appears in television commercials from time to time.

The invitations, hand-painted by the Hellers, were decorated with a map explaining the exact location of the house. Included among the 300 invited guests were Dr. William Bigelow, chief of cardio-vascular surgery at the Toronto General, and Mrs. Bigelow; also from the General, Dr. and Mrs. Kenneth Brown; chief of medicine of New Mount Sinai Dr. Barney Barris and chief of medicine at Branson, Dr. Norman Fremes and their wives; TV producer Jerry Solway; Chicho Valle, orchestra leader and long-time friend of the Hellers; Rabbi and Mrs. Gerald Felder of Shomrai Shaboth Congregation (he has just published his ninth book).

Also present was architect Fred Roman who designed the unusual house for the Hellers. The problems presented by the pie-shaped lot were overcome by building the house in the shape of a fan, with the rooms radiating towards the back. One of the unique features, the sculptured staircase that leads to the second-floor library was also his design.

The ceramic floor tiles, imported from Italy, used in the entrance hall and dining room add zest and color to the decor.

The party was enhanced by music piped into each room - the entire house is wired for stereo.

Own orientation

Highly organized Hamilton community finds synagogues focus

by Wilf Gerofsky

HAMILTON

Ask a Canadian about Hamilton, and certain descriptive images pop into his mind. Steel and associated heavy industry . . . the Hamilton "mountain" . . . the Royal Botanical Gardens and a setting of great scenic beauty . . . the harbor . . . smog . . . the Tiger-Cats . . . McMaster University.

Ask a Canadian Jew about Hamilton's Jewish community, and the response is liable to be a scratch of the head and a shrug of the shoulders. Although we Jews make contact with Jews from other communities at certain levels - family or social attachments, business and occupational interests - yet by and large we remain ignorant of how Jews live, even in cities that are relatively close by. Sure, there are lots of similarities between us, whether we live in Montreal or Moose Jaw; yet each Jewish community has its own orientation, whether it be occupational, organizational or whatever. So please allow me to introduce you to the Jewish Community of Hamilton.

In numbers we are middle sized: 4,300 people; 1,065 families. Not to be compared with the 100,000 plus populations of Toronto and Montreal, yet large enough to make significant waves in this city of 300,000 souls.

Religiously we are divided into almost equal thirds in three major synagogues - Anshe Sholom (Liberal), Beth Jacob (Conservative) and Adas Israel (Orthodox). Each of these congregations has been involved in building programs in the post-war era that has seen construction of new synagogues, followed by additions to the new buildings. Some see this rush to bricks and mortar as a result of excessive competition between the congregations, rather than a response to a need. And while it is true that they are struggling under the burden of heavy mortgages, it is also a fact that the synagogues are the focus of much of our communal life.

Overriding sectarian differences is the Council of Jewish Organizations, which operates the Jewish Community Centre and its own social agency, the Jewish Social Services. Drawing support from all segments of the community, its delegate body has representatives from 35 Jewish organizations operating in Hamilton. Yes we said 35 organizations, and that doesn't include your wife's Mah Jong club or the boys who meet at the steam bath every Thursday night. Hamilton may well be the most over-organized city in the country.

Included in the roster of clubs and organizations are Hadassah, with almost 600 members organized into nine chapters and the Hadassah Council. Here of course, the prime interest is in raising funds for Hadassah projects in Israel, and the annual bazaar is the major vehicle. B'nai B'rith operates two lodges and three women's chapters, and supports local and national services through a giant annual sports celebrity dinner. Dozens of other clubs flourish, representing every Jewish interest both in Israel (ORT, Pioneer Women, Friends of the Hebrew University) and at home (Council of Jewish Women, Grand Order of Israel). In addition, the Jewish Center offers interest courses in art, ceramics, ballet and physical fitness; each synagogue has its adult education group and its sisterhood, and groups for youth of all ages abound.

So its a rather difficult thing to be a Jew in Hamilton and remain uninvolved.

If you've still got time on your hands though, you might want to join the Beverly Gold and Country Club. Located on the escarpment a few miles west of the city, the club was formed at a time when it was almost impossible for a Jew to join one of the other private golf clubs in the area. It offers golf on a beautiful championship course, as well as swimming, tennis and an active social life to its members.

(In the next article, more of the people who make Hamilton go, the history of Jewish development here, and the role of our growing academic community.)

700 years old

Ancient Prague synagogue endangered by damp

PRAGUE

For the last 10 years, damp rot has been affecting the 700 year old Pinkas Synagogue of Prague, the oldest synagogue in Europe. The Memorial to the 77,000 Jewish victims of Nazi persecution from Bohemia and Moravia which has been enshrined in the synagogue for the last two decades has also been affected.

This was disclosed in an interview with Dr. Vilem Benda, director of the State controlled Jewish Museum in Prague. The interview was published in **Vestnik,** the periodical of the Czechoslovak Jewish Community.

According to Dr. Benda, "no account had somehow been taken of the fact that the foundations of the synagogue were below the level of the Vltava river" when it was transformed into a memorial shrine in the 50's. In the course of the years, floor boards and walls of the memorial shrine showed signs of dampness from undercurrent water and surface moisture, "with inscriptions on the memorial tablets changing and to some extent efaced."

Upon discovering this development, Dr. Benda immediately advised the cultural administration of the Prague National Committee, who assured him that full costs of the restoration will be covered from government reserves.

Dr. Benda now views that the Pinkas synagogue, rebuilt in its present shape in 1535, may in fact be dating back to the 12th century, at least as far as parts of the building are concerned, and not to the 13th century, as had been assumed until now. Excavation work below foundation level has brought to light traces of a Mikvah and three wells of a depth of nine metres (about 30 feet) "dating back to the Middle Ages."

Organizations and People

Vienna once Jewish center, now stopover

(A Special CJN Report)

Austria was once the site of a rich Jewish culture – but today, home to fewer than 15,000 Jews.

Most Jews in the West who knew pre-war Vienna, or who lived there, can testify to the extensive role played by the Jew before the Anschluss. They can also recall the undercurrents of anti-Semitism that have always seemed inherently part of Viennese and Austrian life. Such undercurrents are still there today, but the small remnant of Austrian Jewry actually face no immediate problem. When anti-Semitic slogans are seen they are usually connected with the present Chancellor of Austria, Bruno Kiesek, who is a Jew (though not considered a member of the Jewish community). Viennese who may be angry with Kiesek 's policies attack him as a Jew simply because it is a convenient stereotype.

The only vital aspect about Jewish life in the Austrian capital revolves around the fact that many Jewish emigrants from the Eastern Bloc pass through Vienna on their way to Israel. For this reason the Jewish Agency of Israel has in Vienna, one of its largest offices in the West.

The Schonau stopover camp for Soviet Jews enroute to Israel is a rambling hunting lodge once used by the Hapsburgs. Though old, the place has been made comfortable by the Agency to accommodate between 100 and 150 people who may stay there anywhere from a few days to a couple of weeks as they pass between the U.S.S.R. and Israel.

Many of the transients have come from Riga in Latvia and from the Republic of Georgia. The latter are comparatively religious Jews, quiet, and somewhat uneasy. The Latvian Jews, on the other hand, are talkative and very excited about finally going to Israel.

The facts regarding emigration from the Soviet Union, as best as they can be reconstructed are:

Emigration to Israel from the U.S.S.R. has indeed fallen off, but as of mid-August it had not been cut off completely as reported earlier in the American press. The number of emigrants was about 400 in August; 360 in July; 750 in June and 850 in May. The high point was 1,400 in April (figures reported in Los Angeles Times 9/10/71);

Conditions for Jews in Riga are dangerous because Latvia is considered "a Zionist enclave" by the Kremlin. For this reason Riga Jews fear arrest and harrassment. The Georgians are also suffering, but theirs is an economic as well as a human privation. Not only are they unable to follow their ethnic and religious ideals, but many of them are out of work as a result of these ideals and forced to live from hand to mouth. The Georgians have urged that Westerners make a special appeal on their behalf.

Traditional values

Effort to stem high divorce rate results in pre-marital classes

Concerned with what they regard as the increasing incidence of divorce among Jewish couples, the breakdown of the traditionally stable family unit, and the increasing alienation from religion, among a large segment of the Jewish public, a group of concerned Jewish professionals realized that some organized program had to be made available to Toronto Jewry, to attempt to put a damper on this potentially tragic situation. A series of discussion and lecture programs for engaged Jewish couples was developed in 1969 and has been offered on a regular basis, three times a year, since then.

This program is offered to engaged persons, to provide them with advice and information on building a stable Jewish marriage and home. The series attempts to instill amongst the participating couples, an awareness and appreciation of traditional Jewish values, and assist them in acquiring further knowledge of their Jewish heritage and application of this knowledge.

Those couples who have participated in the past have enjoyed and benefitted from the presentations.

Each series consists of 5 meetings, and is directed towards encouraging free and open dialogue between experienced panelists and participating couples. Panelists are selected from the Rabbinate and other related professions.

The forthcoming series will commence on Wednesday, Oct. 20 at Shaarei Tefilla Synagogue, 3600 Bathurst Street, and will be directed by Dr. Yehudi Shields, a family medicine practitioner. Other panel members will be: Rabbi and Mrs. Myer Berglas; Mr. and Mrs. Albert Engel; Mr. Irving Feldman; Rabbi Morton Green; Rabbi Mordechai Ochs; Rabbi Immanuel Schochat and Rabbi Yitzchak Witty.

Further information can be obtained from Professor Leo Davids at 630-8787 or Dr. Yehudi Shields at 535-3164.

Sadat and Riad differ on canal agreement

LONDON

Reports from West European capitals indicate that Sir Alec Douglas-Home, the British Foreign Secretary, is ready to join in attempts at the United Nations by Maurice Schumann, the French foreign minister, to persuade William Rogers, the American secretary of state, to support a call by the Big Four Powers for a resumption of the Jarring mission in the Middle East.

Sir Alex's attitude stems directly from his recent talks in Cairo. He is reliably reported to have told his allies that he is now convinced that President Sadat of Egypt wants peace and that Sadat is ready to recognize the existence of Israel.

This readiness is, in Sir Alex's opinion, a major new fact in the situation since President Nasser's death.

Sadat, in Sir Alec's view, is in conflict with Mahmoud Riad, his foreign minister, on one essential point in the current American efforts to find an interim solution making possible the reopening of the Suez Canal.

According to this view, Sadat is ready to give the green light for the first phase of the action for reopening the Canal when Gunnar Jarring, the United Nations envoy to the Middle East, is convinced that he can begin negotiating with both sides, but particularly with Israel, a timetable for a second and final withdrawal of Israeli forces to the pre-1967 Six Day War borders.

Riad, it is reported, is prepared to accede to an interim settlement only when final agreement is obtained for Israel's withdrawal to the 1967 borders.

Sir Alec is said to be gloomy because of a conviction that Sadat does not trust Israel. Apparently Sir Alec conveyed to Sadat during his Cairo visit an oral promise from Abba Eban, the Israeli foreign minister, that Israel would take no action to make the first line of withdrawal in Sinai definitive. But Sadat is said to have retorted that he did not believe this promise.

David Ephrati, a 41 year old native of Austria, is the new Israeli consul general of Israel in Montreal. His previous position was ambassador to the African country of Gabon. Mr. Ephrati has been a member of the ministry of foreign affairs since 1964 after serving 15 years as a senior official with the defence ministry. The new consul general is married and father of two daughters, one of them currently serving in the Israel army.

Congress submits brief to save language option

MONTREAL

The Canadian Jewish Congress Eastern Region in a brief submitted to the education committee of the National Assembly of Quebec on Bill 28, has reaffirmed its earlier position that "the ultimate goal of the Education Act amendments should be the establishment of a unified school administration, democratically elected with adequate safeguards written into law to assure equality of educational opportunity and the necessary conditions to provide courses of study of the highest quality in the language chosen by the parents."

Signatories to the Congress brief were Nathan Gaisin, chairman of the Eastern Region of the Canadian Jewish Congress; Morton Bessner, chairman of the Committee on Position of Jews in Educational System of Quebec; Julian Kotler, chairman of the Drafting Committee on Bill 28 and Dr. Samuel Lewin, executive director of the Eastern Region.

The Canadian Jewish Congress asked that provisions be written into the bill for the exercise of option by parents of the type of school, language of instruction and religious and moral instruction for their children and that such option be open to all parents. Congress also asked that consideration be given to amending the Education Act to permit an appeal to Provincial courts in case a board would fail to implement the provisions, assuring the right of parents to a choice of language of instruction for their children.

ISRAEL BOND NEWSMAKERS

INDUSTRIAL AND BUSINESS LEADERS OF CANADA PARTICIPATE IN PLANNING ISRAEL BOND CORPORATE DINNER

Left to right; Harry Frank, Albert J. Latner, Jack Stupp, Harvey Hecker, Theodore Richmond

"It will be a million-dollar dinner plus," was the concensus of enthusiastic comment made by more than 50 of Canada's top business and industrial leaders both Jewish and non-Jewish, who attended the Tribute Planning Meeting on Sept. 30 in the Board Room of Consumers Distributing Company Ltd. as a prelude to the first Corporate Dinner ever to be held in Canada, on behalf of State of Israel Bonds. The dinner will honor Jack Stupp, President of Consumers Distributing, and will take place in the Centennial Ballroom of the Inn on the Park on Thursday, Oct. 28.

The phenomenal success of this particular aspect of support for Israel's economic development by U.S. major corporations over the past three years prompted the decision to embark on a similar major undertaking in Canada, with Toronto as the locale. "By linking Consumers Distributing Company with the Corporate Dinner concept on behalf of State of Israel Bonds, a dynamic new element has been added to the Toronto Bond Drive which will undoubtedly result in hundreds of thousands of dollars in new purchases of Bonds by individuals and companies never before reached by the usual Bond campaign format," stated Murray B. Koffler, National Chairman of the Corporate Division for State of Israel Bonds.

The Tribute Committee planning for the Corporate Dinner being held on October 28th.

Among foremost leaders of business and industry who are directly involved in the Oct. 28 Tribute Dinner honoring Jack Stupp are the following: Theodore Richmond, Dinner Chairman; Emanuel M. Grossman, Chairman Dinner Tribute Committee; Murray Koffler, Master of Ceremonies; Al Binstock, Co-Ordinating Chairman of the Management Dinner Committee; Associate Chairmen Nathan Goody, George Graff, P.M.C. Onions; Members Jorgen Petersen, Leon Cantkier, John Cluff, Howard Binstock.

A MEETING TO CHERISH...

Nathan Hennick, joint Israel Bond Award Recipient with his brothers Harry and Irving at the B'nai B'rith Sportsmen Lodge Dinner taking place on Oct. 23 had the high privilege during his recent visit to Israel of a private meeting with David Ben Gurion, Israel's first Prime Minister and founder of the State of Israel Bond Organization. The Hennick brothers are putting forth exceptional efforts to ensure the maximum possible results in loan funds for Israel, through all avenues of endeavor and spheres of influence. On Monday evening, Sept. 27, Nathan Hennick was host at his home at a Sales Reception for lodge members, friends and business associates which brought forth significant new sbuscriptions in Israel Bonds. On Sunday, Sept. 26, the Second Annual Shot-gun Tourney at Maple Downs Golf and Country Club sponsored by Sportsmen Lodge on behalf of their Israel Bond effort, more than doubled last year's subscription total. On Oct 20, Murray Ehrlick, Co-Dinner Chairman will be host at his home for the last in the series of Sales REceptions preceding the Sportsmen Lodge Dinner.

SYNAGOGUE DIVISION CO-CHAIRMAN AT WASHINGTON CONFERENCE

Lewis E. Field, Synagogue Division Co-Chairman, and Israel Bond Chairman for Beth Tzedec Congregation was in Washington recently to attend the top-level Leadership Conference at which Yitzhak Rabin, Israel's Ambassador to the United States, was principal speaker. "General Rabin placed great stress on the central role of Israel Bonds in developing every facet of Israel's economy to advance peace," Mr. Field reported. "There was unanimous acceptance by the more than 350 Jewish leaders from the U.S. and Canada, that extraordinary measures must be taken to increase the flow of investment funds from our communities to Israel during the remaining three months of this year," he continued. "It is most heartening therefore to witness the trend in Toronto towards both increased Bond purchases, and equally important, immediate payment for these commitments. We look to all those who responded at the High Holy Day Appeals to make whatever sacrifices are necessary to provide Israel with this cash now, when the need is so acute." Shown here left to right are: Ambassador Yitzhak Rabin, Mrs. Lewis E. Field and Mr. Field.

GOLDEN TRUSTEES HOLD LUNCHEON FOR GENERAL HOD

The Golden Trustees of the 1971 Israel Bond Campaign in Toronto stand at a record number of eight at this point in the campaign. They include Walter Bick, A.E. Diamond, D. Lou Harris, Albert J. Latner, Mark A. Levy, Manny Lipman, Ray D. Wolfe and Max Tanenbaum. They comprise the committee of hosts for the Private Luncheon being held on Friday, Oct. 29., with Major General Mordechai Hod, Commander of Israel's Air Force, as Guest of Honor, at the Sutton Place Hotel. On Oct. 28 General Hod will be principal speaker at Canada's first Israel Bond Corporate Dinner honoring Jack Stupp. General Hod will return to Israel after the Luncheon.

ISRAEL BOND CALENDAR

Sunday, October 17th

YORKDALE LODGE B'NAI B'RITH DINNER honoring Chaim Neuberger.

Wednesday, October 20th

UPPER CANADA LODGE B'NAI B'RITH - Sales reception hosted by Nathan Reiber.

BETH EMETH BAIS YEHUDA CONGREGATION - Advance Reception hosted by Award Recipient Gerald Shefsky.

SPORTSMEN LODGE B'NAI B'RITH - Advance Reception hosted by Murray Ehrlick honoring Award Recipients Harry, Irving and Nathan Hennick.

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HEBREW CALENDAR

19 Tishrei Candlelighting: Toronto 6:29; Montreal 6:04

Avoiding racism

The same people, for better or worse

George Blackburn, director of the federal labor department's fair employment practices branch announced this week that Toronto's Black population will soar from its present 30,000 to 400,000 by 1980. He warned that severe racism could result.

"If we aren't careful we can have the same situation here as they have in the United States. We are the same people," he stated.

We are the same people – for better or worse. On the one hand we have welcomed millions of diverse people into our midst, yet on the other we have not solved the French-English problem. Evidently we are prone to the same bigotry, the same fears and the same myths as our U.S. neighbors.

But perhaps we can also learn from the mistakes made by the United States and hopefully find the means to avoid them.

Almost without exception those who have worked in the field of race relations in the U.S. recognize that the uncontrolled flow of Blacks out of the south to northern cities seriously heightened racial tensions and prevented the development of significant programs.

Before World War I, 75 percent of America's Blacks lived in the rural south. Severely under educated, and without skills, they began to seek jobs and freedom in northern factories. Thousands arrived each month in New York, Chicago, Baltimore, Philadelphia, and Detroit. They went directly from the bus depot into the crowded housing in the Black ghetto.

The Black arriving in the city did not encounter the whole repetoire of self-help organizations developed by the Jewish community in its immigrant heyday. There were no free-loan societies, no landsmanschaften, and no Black family agencies. There was only a depersonalized white administered "welfare".

Not that Blacks didn't recognize the need. Black churches, the Urban League and Black fraternal organizations offered some help, but they were simply overwhelmed as wave after wave passed over them.

By 1960, 75 percent of Blacks in the U.S. had become northern urban dwellers, living largely in the fetid ghettos of the major urban centers.

In order to avoid the calamity that befell the United States, immigration to Canada should be carefully planned. The flow must be paced so as to allow Black leaders and services to play a full role in welcoming new immigrants, helping to get them housed, find jobs and meet their neighbors. Pride and self-respect require that Blacks do the job.

The numbers permitted entry should be as generous as possible and the decisions should not be made arbitrarily by a white-staffed Department of Immigration. Blacks should share in the planning and decision making.

A full range of services should be provided to hasten integration. Family life education, day care nurseries, pre-school education, and vocational counselling should be readily available.

But most important is the attitude which Canadians express. If we reach out our hand in friendship and understanding we will make this land richer and happier. If we are cold and hostile, we will force newcomers into delinquency and rebellion.

A friend passes

Mother Superior Aline Batat

A number of years ago, when Pope John was giving impetus to the ecumenical movement, the small group of rabbis and Jewish community relations professionals who were in close contact with representatives of the Roman Catholic church became aware of an order of nuns, most of whom spoke French and curiously all of whom spoke Hebrew.

They learned that the Sisters of Zion had as their special purpose the creation of better understanding between Christians and Jews. They discovered that the order which had been founded originally in France had a headquarters or "mother house" in Jerusalem and that many of the sisters living in Detroit, Toronto, Montreal and Kansas City had spent at least a year in Israel. Some had studied at Hebrew University and all of them spoke with deep respect for the Jewish state.

At first, Jewish leadership was suspicious. For so many centuries friendship had been a prelude to efforts at conversion. For so many centuries, invitations to engage in ecumenical discussions had turned into ugly arguments. For so long the statement "We love the Jews" evoked a sigh of resignation rather than a smile of welcome.

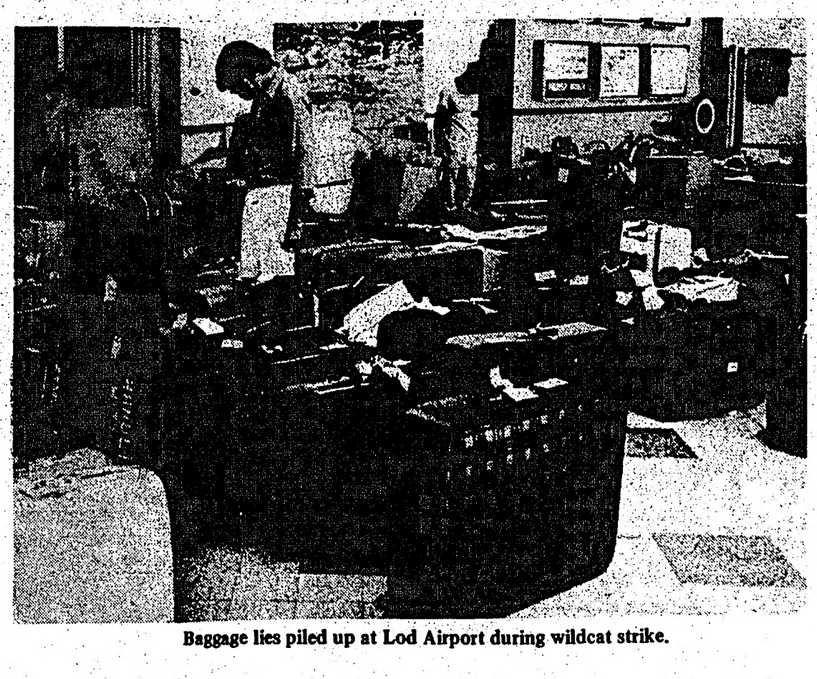
However, the Sisters of Zion proved both their sophistication and their sincerity. They proved to be a successful bridge between Jews and non-Jews. It is therefore with considerable regret that we note the death, as the result of a heart attack, of Mother Superior Aline Batat, head of the Sisters of Zion convent in Jerusalem, while conducting a tour of French tourists to Sharm el-Sheik. She was buried in Ein Karem.

Mother Superior Aline was a pioneer in opening up channels of communication between Arabs and Jews in Israel after the Six Day War. In collaboration with Dr. Kalman Yaron, director of Hebrew University's Adult Education Department, Sister Aline organized and directed an Arabic-Hebrew ulpan at her convent. From 1967 to the present over 1,000 Jews and Arabs have learned each other's language as a result of her efforts.

Mother Superior Aline realized that "if you can't make a big peace, you can at least start with a small one." Dr. Yaron, who worked closely with her praised her as "a true friend of Israel and the Jewish people." He described the 60 year old Mother Superior as an independent, modern woman, who had abandoned wearing the habit. She frequently defended Israel in the face of opposition offered by some of the visitors to her convent.

A graduate from the Sorbonne in archaeology, Mother Superior Aline had arrived in Jerusalem in 1952 to complete her Ph.D. thesis. She remained to offer her own particular kind of witness conducted in a manner which won her the respect of all mankind. Her work in the convent on the Via Dolorosa continues but the death of a warm friend is deeply regretted.

Wildcat strikes, and mini-aristocracy



Baggage lies piled up at Lod Airport during wildcat strike.

by Nechemia Meyers

Recently the Israeli Government finally decided to crack down on the wildcat strikes that in recent months have, in turn, crippled Israel's ports and airports, brought her medical and postal service to a virtual standstill and even denied drinking water to the inhabitants of Eilat (where the operators of a desalination unit staged a walk-out). A bill now being drawn up by Labor Minister Joseph Almogi will make it illegal to strike while a labor contract is in force. Violations of the law will be punishable by stiff fines under civil law, but not, as reportedly suggested by Defense Minister Moshe Dayan, by jail sentences under criminal law.

The bill is by no means an extreme measure; it falls short, for example, of the compulsory arbitration scheme which has long guided labor relations in democratic Australia. Moreover, the Prime Minister and her reluctant colleagues certainly cannot be accused of taking hasty action. On the contrary, critics for some weeks have suggested that the Government too had gone out on strike. If so, that strike is over.

The first results of the Government's hard line are already evident. Even before the introduction of the new bill customs officials took the hint and returned to work without winning any concessions. And Ashdod Port, strike-bound for weeks, has gone back into full operation.

Legislation, however, will not be enough. Without the confidence of the workers, all of whom can't be fined, wildcat strikes will certainly continue. The key to their current lack of confidence seems to be their feeling that they are being asked to make sacrifices while other elements are living it up.

Strike news has been accompanied in the weekend newspaper supplements by lurid descriptions of Tel Aviv's mini-aristocracy, the contractors, manufacturers and officials who fill the night clubs and fancy restaurants, populate the exclusive suburbs and take regular trips to Europe, the U.S. and the Far East. Even without these reports, the contrast in living standards would have been noticed. A postman who takes home $166 a month can hardly be content when he delivers mail to a north Tel Aviv penthouse that costs $47,600 – what he earns in 28 years.

The good life exists here thanks largely to the ubiquitous, tax-free expense account. Without it, the night clubs and high price restaurants would go out of business, and the big American cars would vanish from the highways. To give just one example: automobiles, which require a monthly expenditure of hundreds of dollars, seldom cost the men who drive them anything at all; 60% of them run on expense account gasoline.

However, this may soon change. The Asher Committee on tax reform, recently appointed by Minister of Finance Pinhas Sapir, has recommended a considerable lowering of marginal tax rates (from the present high of 80% to a maximum of 65%) together with the taxation of most so-called expenses. This would force executives who do 'business' at the Hilton or travel to the seashore on 'business' to pay for these activities with taxable dollars.

As a first step, Finance Minister Sapir has ordered Government officials to shun fancy restaurants for business dinners. It only remains to be seen whether Sapir will also replace their big cars (and his own) with more economical models.

Setting an example may be no less important than outlawing wildcat strikes. For workers are unlikely to respond to a Minister who asks them to tighten their belts when the only time he tightens his own is when he is aboard a plane about to take off or land.

Jewish divorce law sees wife as property

by Trude Weiss-Rosmarin

The case of Hanoch and Miriam Langer, Israel's long-suffering mamzerim (bastards) continues to agitate Israeli public opinion.

But while the Langers have been trying for five years to clear themselves of the stigma of bastardy, as yet there has been no analysis of the reasons why mamzerim are forbidden to marry Jews not so tainted, and why their progeny "may not enter the congregation of the Lord even unto the tenth generation." (Deuteronomy 23, 3)

All this despite the fact that Judaism rejects the Christological notion of inherited sin!

Jewish law is so severe with respect to mamzerim because of the distinctive Jewish interpretation of the Seventh Commandment: "Thou shalt not commit adultery" (Exodus 20, 13). Strange though it may seem, this commandment is not binding upon a Jewish husband in the generally accepted sence of the prohibition of marital infidelity.

In point of fact, according to Jewish law, a man is not guilty of adultery if he cohabits with another woman (provided she is not married), because he has no obligation of sexual fidelity to his wife.

Rabbenu Gershom of Mayence did prohibit polygamy, but this is treated merely as a takkana (a rabbinic addition to the Law) and does not set aside Biblical law as interpreted by the Talmud.

Medieval rabbinic authorities differed on whether Jewish men were forbidden to keep a mistress (pilegesh). Many Jewish men took advantage of the view that there was no injunction against the taking of a pilegesh, provided it had not been agreed otherwise in the marriage contract.

Jewish divorce is predicated on the premise that the wife "is the property of the husband" and thus only he – and not the rabbinical court – can initiate religious divorce. If he refuses to do so, or disappears, the wife can never remarry.

She remains an agunah – a "chained" woman bound forever to the husband, even if, as is frequently the case today, he has remarried in a civil ceremony. If she does remarry during her husband's life and without having received a Get (bill of divorcement), she is an adulteress and her children born of the "adulterous" union are mamzerim.

The mother of Hanoch and Miriam Langer made her way to Israel during the Second World War.

She assumed that her first husband, a Polish Christian who had converted to Judaism, had perished in the war, and she remarried. Years later, the first husband turned up in Israel.

Mrs. Langer was declared an "adulteress" and her children, Hanoch and Miriam, are registered as mamzerim. The Israeli rabbinate declared that she was still the wife of her first husband when she remarried.

Many pay tribute to Jewish "progressiveness" because children born out of wedlock are not condisered mamzerim. Those who pay this tribute fail to see that this very leniency, stems from the basic orientation of Jewish law which gives virtually unlimited sexual freedom to the male – provided he does poach upon "the property rights" of another male in a wife of a virgin daughter.

Children born out of wedlock are "legitimate" because it would inhibit the male's sexual freedom if it were otherwise.

Life is invariably ahead of law. Throughout the ages, Jewish men have been much "better" than the Seventh Commandment and its talmudic-rabbinic interpretation obliges them to be.

But the halacha still pulls in the other direction and confers upon Jewish men rights of ownership over their wives. Hence the tragedies of the agutah and the afflictions of the mamzer.

ask the rabbi

Calendar affects Jewish holidays

Why is the Book of Ecclesiastes read during Succoth?

RESPONSE:

The Book of Ecclesiastes is read on the Succoth holiday, according to some, so as to temper the happy feeling of the farmer who just harvested his crops with a sombre feeling of reality. The Succoth festival is one which leads to great merriment, especially in olden times when the crops were all harvested and the concern over possible crop failure was dissipated. The Book of Ecclesiastes which speaks of many things in life as being a matter of vanity, makes one realize that material gain is not always the greatest blessing. Some claim that this book is read because of the identity of its author, King Solomon. It was the practice of the King to assemble the people on the Succoth Festival to hear the words of the Torah in a special ceremony called "Hakhel" which means "assembly" and comes from the same root as the word "Koheleth" which is the name in Hebrew for the Book of Ecclesiastes. King Solomon is said to have been referred to by this name because he held such "assemblies".

Why is it that Hoshanah Rabah never occurs on Saturday?

RESPONSE:

The rabbis, in the process of arranging the calendars used by the Jewish people, worked it out so that Hoshana Rabbah is the occasion on which the willow twigs are beaten. This was a matter of paramount importance for the observance of the day. Such an activity could never take place on the Sabbath since it would be forbidden to do this on the Sabbath. As a consequence of this arrangement Rosh Hashonah can never fall on a Sunday (i.e., the first day of Rosh Hashonah).

letters to the editor

Dear Editor:

The reactions of Rabbi Abraham D. Cohen to my article on the religious crisis in Israel (letter to the Editor, Oct. 1), left me deeply saddened. Saddened, that a call for sensitivity can elicit its very opposite.

To his suggestion that I "could not be more in error in suggesting that the terms religious are rendered somewhat meaningless in the Israeli context," I would merely ask how he would evaluate (if, indeed, one ever should) the religiosity of the following. A Jew who, in defense of the sanctity of the Sabbath, is ready to desecrate it by hurling stones at fellow Jews. The Jew who is so "obsessed with the certain awareness that the total spiritual destiny of our people is being worked out in Israel" (Rabbi Cohen's own words), that he is ready to live there and, if necessary, die there.

As to his suggestion that I resign from the Orthodox fold because of my call for an open religious society possessing sensitivities which cut across denominational lines, is Rabbi Cohen seriously suggesting that Halacha does not call the same within orthodoxy itself?

To resign in the face of such a call would at one and the same time, represent a resignation not only from orthodoxy but from the Jewish people as well. I am sure that Rabbi Cohen knows my answer to that!

Rabbi Emanuel Forman

Dear Editor:

Recently returned from a visit to Canada I read The Canadian Jewish News dated Sept. 3, 1971, and the article 'Sephardi in Dutch Parliament'. At the end of this article you mentioned details about the old Jewish Community of Amersfoort, Holland. In this city – before they took refuge in England in 1795 – both Prince of Orange, William V and his wife, the former Princess Wilhelmina of Prussia, were sheltered by one of the 'Parnassiem' of that Congregation, the banker Benjamin Cohen. To give expression to his gratitude the Prince – later on – offered to the Jewish Congregation of Amersfoort a nice "Porouches" (of course in Orange shade) partly made of the wedding gown of his wife, Princess Wilhelmina of Prussia. Even today this "Porouches" is still in use at the said Synagogue.

Because I was of the opinion this detail might also interest your readers, I took the liberty to give you this historical information.

Meanwhile, I beg to remain, Dear Sir, with best wishes both to you and your readers.

A.H. Veder
Amsterdam

Opinion

Ah, for the spirited Simchat Torah of yesteryear!

by J.B. Salsberg

This was to have been the last of three columns on the Congress-Welfare Fund controversy. But I didn't have the heart to continue with that task now. The prose on the subject is becoming increasingly more purple and the faces of the contestants also acquire that color. Here we are in the midst of Succoth, so let's skip it for a week or two.

Let us, instead, talk about the times when our Jewish community fought real battles, not like the ones we are now engaged in. By comparison our current controversy is like a gentle minuet . . .

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In those distant days the Toronto Jewish community was like the universe at creation. It was formless but it contained all the ingredients for the shape of things that emerged later.

There were Anarchists, Socialists, and the first growth of trade unionists; there were Zionists, Poale-Zionists, Territorialists and Socialist-Territorialists; but above everything there were Shulen (Synagogues) and Shtiblach, mostly the latter. Today we would call the Shtiblach store-front Synagogues.

Most places of worship were extensions of "the old country." The "Rushishe Shul" (the Beth Hamidrash Hagadol), also referred to as the "Kozakishe Shul," was away out on McCaul St. and the "Deitshishe Shul" (Holy Blossom) was on Bond St. The rest (excluding, of course, the pioneer synagogue on Yonge St.) were generally located in the area between Gerrard and Queen Streets and Yonge and University.

In that small terrain the whole of Yiddishkeit of the old world found soil for its transplantation. There was the "Poylishe Shul" (Elm near Yonge), the "Galicianer" shulen (first one, then two), the "Romaynishe," the Narayever, Apter, Kielcer, etc. etc. etc. – there was even a New Yorker shul.

Many of those establishments (not only Beth Hamidrash) were tagged with nicknames. My own family attended a Shtible of an extreme orthodox type. It had a kosher name of course (Tomhei Shabbath), the supporters of the Sabbath, but we were best known as the "Salvation Army" and the individual members as "salvation army-nickes."

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That there was no peace in Toronto's tents of Israel goes without saying. Aside from the normal, the usual and the traditional reasons for the lack of peace and brotherly love, there were some made in Canada ones too. First, there were the old country feuds that were not lost from the immigrant's baggage. Second, there was the resentment of the old country somebodys at the hutzpa shown by the old country nobodys who became somebodys here. Nu, nu! It was lively and things did happen. Since all lived in the confined Jewish quarter and since all institutions were close to each other our grapevine worked better than all modern media put together.

Election of officers in a synagogue or shtible wasn't always a peaceful event. The first sound of shouting, pushing, shoving and slapping brought together a goodly portion of the immediate neighborhood. It was, to be sure, a rarity but it did happen that the police had to restore peace in a synagogue.

The passionate desire of laymen to lead in the services was another frequent cause for physical collisions at the Amud, or as it was called "dos bretl." And since each aspirant had a coterie of supporters it occasionally evolved into fervent group involvements.

The apportioning of the weekly reading of the scroll was an ever present cause for ill feeling, resentment and bitterness. As everyone knew then there were prime portions and lesser desirable portions in the weekly reading. Shelishi and Shishi were tops but Revii was really undesirable. There was plenty of hot blood over the way Gabai apportioned those goodies and since someone had to have Revii it served as a built-in cause for resentment and feuding that often led to greater deeds.

The High Holy Days calmed, of course, the storms in the holy places. After all one is expected to forgive his neighbor. But with the first day of Succoth the sparks of enmity made their reappearance and by Simchat Torah the most spirited of the season, the flames were at their former intensity. Who got an Hakofa was important but who got what Hakofa was of even greater importance; nay, it was a matter of honor. It was also a casus belli . . .

The classic confrontation took place in those colorful but distant days, in a synagogue that managed to survive the years and achieve a very dignified old age.

There were "two sides" of course. One side expected rough tactics and invited the police to the services. But despite the presence of the law the battle was joined between the two camps. It became a donnybrook. The police grabbed a leading gladiator and were leading him out of the sanctuary. Like a true chieftain he halted at the door, turned to his loyal warriors and gave his last order: "Shpalt kep un shneit baycher!". Which, when translated, means split heads and cut bellies . . .

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What giants they must have been, those pioneers who walked the dusty stretch that was Agnes St. (now Dundas between Yonge and University)! Agnes was the showplace of our first bit of transplanted "old country!" It was the heart as well as the Place des Arms for the community in the making.

By comparison their heirs seem a softer breed of men. When put alongside the sanguine battles over "Shishi" or over the presidency of Anshei Kasrilevke our current polemic over Congress and UJA seems like child's play. At worst some of us may acquire stomach ulcers – but who doesn't boast of an ulcer nowadays?

Ah, for the good old days!

From Lillit to Massada

The Jewish student press

by Abe Pessis

An exciting Jewish student press has emerged since the Six Day War. Student publications on over 100 campuses reaching from Boston, Montreal, Toronto and Los Angeles to Jerusalem, serve as organs of self-expression for Jewish students on the Arab-Israeli conflict, Soviet Jewry, and the Jewish cultural renaissance.

The value of these papers is not to be taken lightly. Indeed, such crucial weight does the Israeli government attach to them in combating anti-Israel New Left propaganda that it recently, at its own expense, invited the editors to visit and explore the problems facing Israel.

Of course, differences of style and context abound among the papers. For convenience, consider four: **Lillit, Response, Other Stand, Massada.**

Published at Hebrew University in Jerusalem, **Lillit** is published in English and staffed by students recently come to Israel. Some have come to study, others to stay. Committed to presenting developments on the Israeli scene, it is backed by helpful government money.

Yet, frequently, **Lillit** bites the hand that feeds it. Case in point is a recent expose alleging corruption surrounding a building program sponsored by the Jerusalem Municipal Council.

Angry phone calls followed as government officials demanded to know if this was the way **Lillit** insisted on spending Israel's money.

Nevertheless, **Lillit's** staff, many of whom worked for campus newspapers in America and were used to encounters with administration, continued to cover the Israeli scene, without abandoning their right to be critical. **Lillit's** coverage is so thorough that a B.B.C. commentator assigned to do a television program on the Israeli Black Panthers, found his best source of information, not in any of the three Israeli dailies, but in this English-speaking student-written journal.

Response, published in Boston, shares with **Lillit** its format as a journal rather than as a newspaper. Its primary concern, however, lies not in reporting, but in presenting articles exploring Jewish thought. Its contributors consist largely, of students, whose interest in Jewishness is not incidental to their studies on campus, but whose major area of concentration is Judaism itself. Among its contributors, for example, we find a large number attending theological seminaries or participating in the Boston **Havurah** (a Jewish commune). Hence, the articles found in **Response** are often scholarly and parallel to those in a journal such as **Judaism.**

In contrast, the **Other Stand,** published at McGill University in Montreal, stands as a political-ideological newspaper. Though highly polemical, its arguments on behalf of Jewish nationalism and Jewish liberation are well reasoned and, indeed, resist refutation. Its staff tends to be the products of an intensive radical-Zionist background. Given the crucial interest shown in Israel on the heels of the Six Day War, and the burning need of Jewish students to find arguments to counter the New Left line on Israel, they have finally come into their own.

The paper is radical. It shares in common with radical students around the world a distaste of what is known as American imperialism and the military-industrial complex.

It regards the Vietnamese war as an infringement by the complex towards a people's right to self-determination and national liberation. A right the **Other Stand** demands equally for the Jews. If liberation is to have any meaning, it argues, then it must be the liberation of all peoples.

A elective process which allows liberation to some groups (such as the Arabs) and denies that right to Israel it regards as viciously discriminatory.

Massada, published at York University, follows much the same path. Only with much less success. Lacking the journalistic talent of **Lillit,** the erudition of **Response,** the careful reasoning of the **Other Stand,** it often substitutes sensationalism for thought.

Its opening issue carried in bold black type: "Knock the --- - - out of the Jewish Establishment." A letter addressed to Kosygin ends with a crude: "Go to Hell." Hardly a testimony in subtlety!

Also, there is a chronic lack of originality. On opening the paper, one is confronted by article after article republished from American or Israeli journals.

Yet, all this can be excused. **Massada,** it must be remembered, is still in its third year a new effort. Its members do not concentrate on Jewish studies – an intense program of this sort still lacking at York University. They are still groping for their own Jewishness and are doing it in Toronto, away from the major Jewish developments taking place in the States. They suffer, as well, from a city which purveys more political blandness than Montreal, where the general political vortex contributes to the turmoil felt by Jewish students and intensifies its expression.

One can but hope that with future issues, **Massada** – the only organ presently available for the self-expression of Jewish students in Toronto – will improve its standards.

One can but hope that with more experienced writing, future issues of **Massada** will provide a more appropriate forum for the rising Jewish affirmation of Toronto students.

Once a politician, always a politician. David Ben Gurion hugs a little girl on the occasion of his 85th birthday.

Ben Gurion at 85

by Dr. W. Gunther Plaut

It is not often that a man knows during his own lifetime that his contribution to history is assured. But David Ben Gurion who is celebrating his 85th birthday next week belongs to those select few who have been privileged to translate a great idea into reality.

Many tributes will be paid him. They will recount his journey from Plonsk in Polish Russia to the summits of international acclaim. His early Zionist struggles; his aliyah and pioneer farming in Palestine; his involvement in politics; his temporary sojourn in Turkey to study law; his debates at Congresses; his founding of the Labor movement and his guidance of Histadrut and Va'ad L'umi; his role in arming the Hagana; the proclamation of independence; his service as chief steward of the State and his part in two wars to defend its existence – all this may be found at length in biographies that are now increasingly being written about him.

In many ways he has resembled Winston Churchill: small in stature like his English counterpart, great in persuasive power and indefatigible in his labors. Like Churchill he has been a scholar, wielding his pen with knowledge and acumen. His field of interest has ranged from Bible and archaeology to Greek and Indian thought. Yet, despite many likenesses to the descendant of the Dukes of Marlborough, it was not Churchill to whom he was bound with admiration and friendship, rather it was Charles De Gaulle, the towering, aloof Frenchman who seemed to share but few of the characteristics and emotions of the Jew from Jerusalem. Despite all the setbacks and disappointments which Franco-Israeli relationships have suffered during the last few years, Ben Gurion has never changed his mind about De Gaulle as one of the great and abiding friends of the Jewish people.

Ben Gurion has said repeatedly that the withdrawal of Israeli forces from the Suez, Sharm-el-Sheik and Gaza after the 1956 campaign would remain his most debated decision, and he has gone to great lengths explaining why even now he believes that withdrawal was the only course for Israel to take at the time. No doubt that is why he suggests a similar course today.

What – aside from the State itself – will be his most enduring memorial? After the centuries will have passed and, God willing, Israel will dwell in security and glory, it will be perhaps the opening of the Negev. He was alone at first in trying to convince his countrymen that the Negev had a great future and that is why he decided to make his home at Sde Boker. Years from now he will be called the man who brought the Negev back to life, who made the southland bloom, and who believed that it would some day become the backbone of the land, in a manner even now but dimly grasped by many.

When some years ago, a visitor in good Jewish fashion wished him good health "bis 120 yor," Ben Gurion said: "And who are you, young man, to so limit my years?" The story is probably apocryphal. Still it cautions me to just say: "Ken yirbu. Many more years to you!"

Seek insight to inexplicable, search for sources of Fascism

by Adam Akerman

The quest to explain Fascism, Nazism and the irrational behavior of Hess, Goering, Himmler, Mussolini and Hitler – has produced during the present year, a series of works which try to supply insights into the inexplicable.

Fascism has been called the "catastrophic political surprise" of Europe. It emerged as a result of the economic, political and social instability following the agonizing years of 1914-1918. It has appeared as a revolutionary movement, directed at overthrowing the old order and has turned itself against democracy, civil liberties, parliamentarism and the multiparty system.

A victory in the Second World War was not to be the signal for Hitler's Nazis to sit down and contemplate the "Thousand Year Reich." It was to be followed by a creation of a totalitarian society, based on terror, force and a relentless struggle for an increased Teutonic birthrate.

Karl Bracher, a professor of political science at the University of Bonn, has written the first comprehensive and scholarly account of Nazism, **The German Dictatorship.** Bracher traces the political origins of the German attachment to autocratic rule, shows the reasons for Hitler's success and describes the tenets of the Nazi ideology. He also writes that the wholesale extermination of Jews during the war was in part motivated by Hitler's belief that they were responsible for British and American opposition to him and his policies.

Among 30 chapters of his comprehensive book **The 12-Year Reich** Viennese-born Richard Grunberger recalls that anti-Semitism was endemic in Germany. It was central to Hitler's early ideological position, as developed in **Mein Kampf.** According to Hitler, it was his 'studies' on the Jewish question that transformed him 'from being a feeble world-citizen' into a 'fanatical anti-Semite.' Grunberger stresses that anti-Semitism in Germany was "a defensive reaction by the lower-middle class, artisans, shopkeepers, and farmers to the advent of full-blown capitalism."

Professor Gilbert Allardyce's **The Place of Fascism in European History** provides the reader with the necessary background for understanding Fascism. It explains the nature and role of ideology in totalitarianism and it gives the framework to the movement in the European context.

Two valuable and clearly-written works tried to assess Hitler as a politician and as a soldier. Professor Percy Schramm in **Hitler: The Man and the Military Leader,** describes Der Fuehrer as a totalitarian dictator who failed to maintain power by constitutional means. In his determination to achieve total power he resorted to terrorizing and liquidating opponents and to propaganda aimed at underlining the infallibility of the Nazi leaders.

Maj.-Gen. John Strawson in **Hitler as Military Commander** emphasizes that for the Nazi leader, war was 'everyday business.' Once the war machine was launched, it could not have been stopped. War was in Hitler's nature. He was not interested in the millions of lives spent; he had neither scruples nor loyalty; nor was he contained by any moral boundary. He lacked humanity and was totally dedicated to broadening his personal power. The ordinary German soldier paid the ultimate price for the military blunders of Hitler after 1941.

Two works concentrate on the political and military blunders committed by Mussolini. The evolution of Fascism in Italy is traced by Harry Fornari's **Mussolini's Gadfly** whereas Mario Cervi in **The Hollow Legions** highlights the failure of the Italian's military plans. Although Mussolini used to say "Fascism is not only the giver of laws and the founder of institutions, but the educator and promoter of spiritual life and society" Italian Fascism proved to be a program based on power without meaningful ideology.

Hitler and Mussolini were basically the product of times of confusion, the easy solution to the complexities and difficulties of governments in troubled times. They led their peoples to a disaster. They carried the war to the point of insanity, while promising to construct a happier future.

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Position of Polish Jews reported to be improved

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

LONDON

A "change for the better" in the situation of Jews in Poland was reported from reliable Jewish sources. They added that it has come too-late to be of any value, since the vast majority of Jews left Poland in the aftermath of the anti-Semitic purges of 1968-69.

According to the sources the improved situation is manifested by the absence of anti-Jewish articles and news items in the press and other media and by a less hostile attitude by officials toward such individual Jews as pensioners, workers in cooperatives and students. But it is a change of attitude, not a change of heart, they stressed, on the part of the majority of Poland's ruling circles.

Of the many Jews fired from their positions in the government, the Communist Party, the communications industry and other fields at the height of the Gomulka regime's anti-Semitic campaign two years ago, few remain in Poland; but of those few, none have been reinstated, the sources reported.

They said that among the remaining Jews there is a residue of bitterness and a feeling that they are witnessing the final liquidation of a 1,000 year chapter of Jewish history. It is obvious that within one generation there will be no Jews left in Poland except a few stray individuals. They related the lessening of hostility toward Jews by Polish authorities to an endeavor to follow the Soviet line, which at present seems to be one of seeking contacts with Israel. Observers here see some significance in the appointment of Artur Starewicz as the new Polish Ambassador to Britain. Starewicz is of Jewish origin. Up to a few months ago he was not in line for any important appointment.

Former SS Guard

U.S. revokes citizenship

NEW YORK

The Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith welcomed today the revocation of citizenship recently of a Queens woman who had failed to indicate on her application that she had been a member of the Nazi SS elite guard. Benjamin R. Epstein, national director of ADL, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency: "The files of the ADL confirm the record of Hermine Braunsteiner. We think the government acted quite properly in revoking her dishonestly obtained citizenship."

The government's brief said the former Nazi, who has been living here since 1959 as the wife of a construction worker, Russell Ryan, was "a cruel, brutal and sadistic woman who unnecessarily beat and tortured defenseless prisoners" at the Ravensbruck and Maidanek concentration camps. Mrs. Ryan received her citizenship in Jan. 1963 and she agreed to its revocation without commenting on the veracity of the charges against her. She now faces possible deportation.

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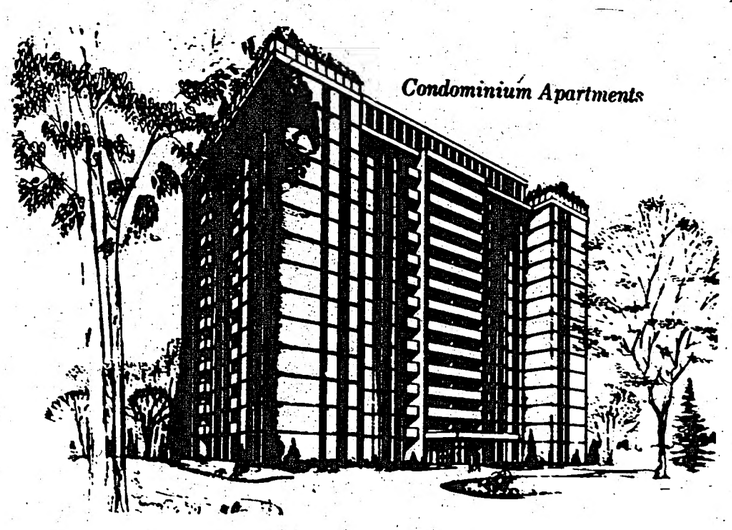

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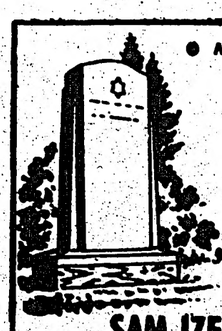

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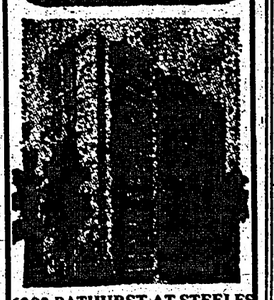

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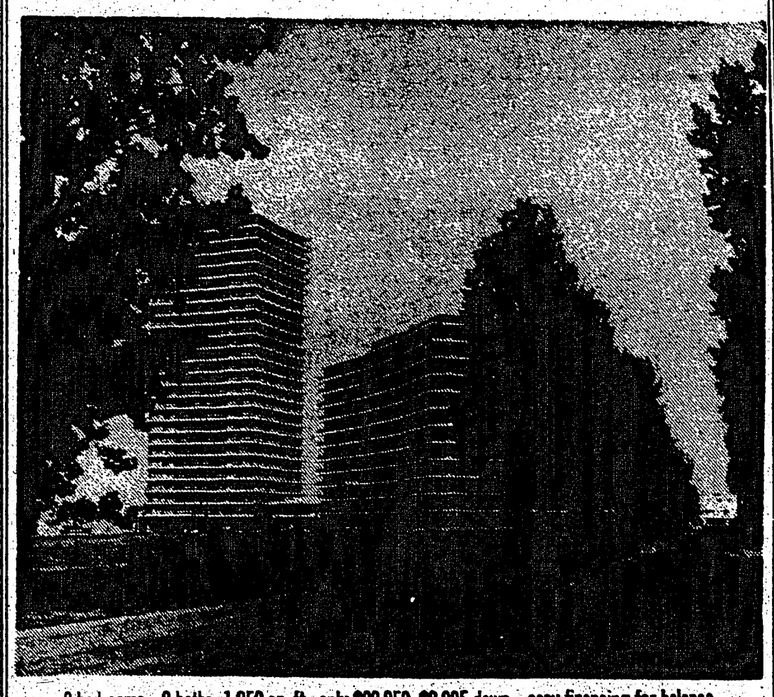

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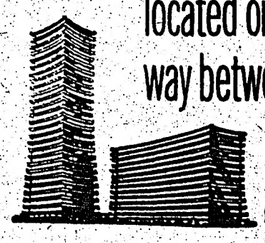

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UJWF reveals program

This is the second of a three part series of articles on the UJWF-CJC merger proposal. The last article will deal with "Congress today."

by Donald Carr
President of the United Jewish Welfare Fund

Mr. Hayman in these columns stated that the United Jewish Welfare Fund "has, traditionally, been a fund-raising organization." He does not say, what he knows, or ought to know, that the fund-raising apparatus of the Welfare Fund is merely one of its facets - although an important one - and that the fund-raising apparatus is separate and distinct from the decision-making processes of the Welfare Fund.

From the time of its formation, the Welfare Fund in addition to its fund-raising role assumed the role of representing the total Jewish community with regard to budgeting, co-ordination of services and social planning for the community in the fields of health, welfare and education.

Throughout the years, the UJWF has anticipated, surveyed and done its utmost to meet the changing demands of the community. The Welfare Fund is a flexibile instrument that can and does adjust easily to the mood of the times.

The Welfare Fund recognized the responsibility of not only subsidizing, but planning, Jewish educational needs and in 1949 established the Bureau of Jewish Education to work with the existing schools. The Bureau ultimately became the Board of Jewish Education. Recently, the UJWF formed the Study Committee on Jewish Education to do a community survey of the Jewish educational scene - probably the most ambitious project ever undertaken in North America.

The Social Planning Committee of the UJWF, in 1969, brought in an exhaustive Report of the Study of Health and Welfare Needs of the Toronto Jewish Community, which took two years to compile. This is now serving as a blueprint in charting the future course of social planning.

Produce leaders

The Welfare Fund's leadership development program has produced many of today's community leaders.

The Federation of Jewish Women's Organizations, comprising some 40 member organizations, is operated through the UJWF as a vital instrument in co-ordinating, planning and programing for the women's organizations of the community.

The UJWF, in co-operation with JVS, is establishing a sheltered workshop to serve the needs of the aged living in the community.

Guidance and counselling

The UJWF provides specialized guidance and counselling programs in the day schools, as well as for the YM-YWHA and BBYO.

The scholarship-in-aid program, which provides interest-free loans to students - particularly newcomers to the country and residents whose income is insufficient to finance an education - has assisted a great many young people to achieve their educational goals.

With support from the United Community Fund, the UJWF has just established the Co-ordinated Services to the Jewish Elderly, whose function is to provide a wider variety of health, social, recreational and cultural services for older citizens who are able to maintain an independent role in the community.

The program of visiting homemakers to families is to be expanded.

A corps of volunteers is being organized to provide friendly visiting to the elderly and shut-ins.

It should be obvious that the Welfare Fund has been and is engaged in the constant search for the improvement of the quality of Jewish life in Toronto. I sincerely believe that that has some substantial involvement in intellectual and spiritual matters to which Mr. Hayman has referred.

The "Committee to Save the Canadian Jewish Congress," arrogantly calls "mass meetings" to raise passions, instead of seeking calm debate in the democratically elected bodies of Congress - the democratic process they claim to hold so dearly.

They create heat, but no light.

The conflict

Mr. Hayman accuses that the Toronto Jewish Community Council of the Canadian Jewish Congress offers at most the saving of a few administrative dollars and nothing more.

Let us examine the present situation.

Those who have spent any real time in the leadership of the Welfare Fund or Congress and who have involved themselves in the widely varied community problems - not just in narrow "one-topic" involvement - have experienced the expenditure of precious time, strength, money and capabilities in trying to cope with such questions as:

Which organization speaks for the community on this topic?

Which organization is responsible for the implementation of a program in that field?

Which organization has already gone into this field, so that the other must not trespass?

Which organization truly reflects the community's view on that matter?

What does Congress do when it suddenly discovers that a program which deals with Israel or Soviet Jewry on the campus involves a question already under study by the Welfare Fund Social Planning Committee or impinges on a program already undertaken by the Jewish Family and Child Service - the question of housing, drugs, religious needs, etc.?

If Congress concludes that the community really wants a particular program to be implemented, but the program falls under the aegis of existing agencies of the Welfare Fund, how does Congress persuade the Welfare Fund to implement the program? And vice versa?

How many hours must be taken up in the adult education field to work out a modus vivendi? The Federation of Jewish Women's Organizations wants an educational program; the Y is prepared to give it; Congress is offended because it sees that it has been bypassed.

Major problems

The areas of overlapping, of conflict, are legion. And to compound the problem is the human factor. This one wants to build this empire - the other has his territory. The Executive Director of one organization feels threatened in this situation - his counterpart in the other organization has his own stronghold to maintain and expand.

What I refer to are not little matters of trifling concern. I do not belabor small organization potholes which slow one down, but nevertheless, don't really impede progress. I do not complain about the lack of "efficiency" or the duplication of small amounts of funds. I do not raise the objection of today's "organization man" who would like to see the organizations operate smoothly, through efficient chains of command and who get uptight if things are delayed or go off the tracks because someone questions, has doubts or insists upon debating an issue.

I refer to basic, far-reaching impediments in our communal well-being. I refer to stumbling blocks which are fatal to urgent needs.

I think it is safe to say that there has never been a period when the leaders of the two organizations have been more ready to cooperate than in recent years. There has been a "cross-fertilization" of leadership. As indicated above, many sit at both tables. And with all of this accommodating climate, the problems I have outlined and many others have continued to exist and new ones have arisen.

Joint committees have been established - such as the one on youth. But they don't work. With all the apparent goodwill, they just don't work. The representatives of each organization on the Committee seem to be unable to represent anything other than their own organizational view, or they do not wish to make decisions without reporting back and getting instructions. One group, concentrating on its own historical position, cannot understand the point of view of the other. The other groups discounts the views of the first on a topic which used to be its own private preserve. Institutional loyalties still outweigh the common good and suspicions of motives still persist.

Right wing extremism described in ADL study

by Arnold Ages

The Politics of Unreason
by Seymour Martin Lipset & Earl Raab
Harper & Row 547 pp.

book review

This is the fifth volume in the **Patterns of Prejudice** series sponsored by the University of California and the B'nai B'rith Anti-Defamation League.

The authors are well known both in the American Jewish community and in the academic world. Lipset, the world famous sociologist, who once lectured at the University of Toronto, now teaches at Harvard; Raab is the director of the San Francisco Jewish Community Relations Council and a frequent contributor to Commentary magazine.

Their study of political extremism is a comprehensive inventory of right wing movements which have profiliferated in the United States since the American Revolution.

Because of their desire to be scholarly and objective the authors have indulged in a lot of technical jargon which can occasionally upset the 'amateur' reader. The latter should, however, not be put off by such words as 'preservatist', 'populist', and 'elitist'. Once the special vocabulary of Lipset and Raab becomes clear, their material makes for fascinating reading.

The authors begin their survey with the inception of the American republic, showing how the conspiracy version of history first entered American political thinking.

It can be traced to theories about the 'Illuminati' - supposedly a secret group of atheist plotters who have resolved to gain control over the Christian world. In the early days of the American republic, the Masons were the chief targets of the 'Illuminati' theory. The American press was full of denunciations about the disruptive nature of the society of freemasonry.

By the 19th century it became the turn of the Catholics to bear the brunt of extremist charges. The alleged designs of Rome on world Protestantism became the rallying cry of American patriots. In the presence of a relatively small Catholic community in the United States, the Anglo-Saxon majority saw hideous conspiracies everywhere.

In the latter part of the 19th century, anti-Semitism began to constitute a factor in American political life. "Like the Catholics," write Lipset and Raab, "the Jews began to offer substantial visibility in the cities, with massive waves of immigration from eastern Europe. And like the Catholics, the Jews came equipped with an arcane presence that lent itself to conspiracy theory. They had no Pope or Vatican, but a special aura of secrecy and intrigue deeply embedded in the folklore of Christian civilization."

By the second decade of this century Jews were linked up with the 'Illuminati' as co-workers in an international conspiracy to rule Christendom. In 1920 the prestigious **Christian Science Monitor** ran a lead editorial in which it discussed the ideas contained in the **Protocols of the Elders of Zion**. The Monitor suggested that there was a resemblance between the Illuminati program and the one often attributed to Jews. The Monitor hedged its charge by saying: "There is a conspiracy of evil against humanity . . . Whether it constitutes a 'Jewish peril,' is a question for consideration itself, but that it exists, as a peril, is entirely undeniable."

Anti-Semitic sentiments, it should be noted, were not the exclusive preserve of professional agitators. In 1921 President Calvin Coolidge, writing in **Good Housekeeping** magazine, argued very strenuously that biological laws did not favor the mixing of Nordic and other races because the former inevitably deteriorated as a result of such mixtures. In June of 1922 no less a personage than Lawrence A. Lowell of Harvard openly advocated a quota designed to limit the number of Jewish students at his university.

Given the fact that such intellectual leaders as Lowell preached discrimination against Jews, it is hardly surprising that rank and file members of American society should have demonstrated equal if not greater biases.

In their discussion of political units that have exploited anti-Semitic tendencies, Lipset and Raab explore the roles of such disparate groups as the Ku Klux Klan, the Coughlinites and the Ford supporters. The latter group refers to the partisans of Henry Ford, the automobile industrialist, who apparently spent his spare time maligning Jews. His newspaper, the Dearborn Independent, was in the 20's, the chief source of anti-Semitism in the United States.

The Politics of Unreason, it should be stressed, deals only partially with anti-Semitism. The book is concerned with extremism in general. Thus there are several excellent analyses of movements such as the John Birch Society, McCarthyism and the George Wallace phenomenon.

The authors take pains to point out that, despite the presence of confirmed anti-Semites in these groups, they cannot be charged as movements indulging in anti-Semitism. Both Robert Welch, the leader of the Birch Society, and Governor Wallace, have been careful in seeing to it that no taint of anti-Semitism be associated with their movements.

Kosygin

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Manufacturers Association on Monday, Oct. 25. The Committee expects that many other members of the Jewish community in Toronto will also participate.

Gentiles, as well as Jews, are being solicited to participate in the programs of protest. Their aim is to make Kosygin aware, while he is a guest of the Canadian Government, of the right of Soviet Jews to live as Jews, and to have full freedom to maintain their cultural and spiritual identity. Additionally, the Action Committee wants the Soviet government to liberate immediately all Jews imprisoned in labor camps for their "crime" of seeking to implement a desire for emigration to Israel and to allow all Soviet Jews who wish to do so, to emigrate to Israel.

Kanee

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Canada. I was disturbed at the manner in which organizational "yichus" has become a priority even in the area of programs on behalf of Israel. The treatment accorded the Canada Israel Committee is a case in point.

"I was also concerned about the flexing of muscles by welfare funds and the obvious intention of welfare funds to move in on areas that traditionally belong to Congress, for example youth and education.

"I am interested in seeing a merger between Congress and the Welfare Fund in Toronto because I am convinced that it would strengthen the unity of the community and stop the erosion of Congress activity.

Kanee continued, "I said to these people, that my prime interest is not necessarily the Canadian Jewish Congress as such. It is above all else the Jewish community and the Jewish people. I couldn't care less whether the CJC took over the UJWF or if the Welfare Fund took over Congress.

"When I was approached regarding the Congress presidency, I wanted to know what kind of Congress it would be. I am the person who was responsible for reviving discussion of the merger after the matter had been turned down two years ago.

"At the national executive meeting I was appalled by the attitude of the Save the Congress Committee, a group of people who for one reason or another mistrusted the Welfare Fund. They claimed that they represented the "man in the street" and talked about the democratic nature of Congress. My answer was that "balabatim" also belong in Congress. Sam Bronfman was one of them. I am one of them and the heyday of Congress was when we had more of those people involved. I expressed my disappointment in the demogogic approach of the "saviors" and felt that all their arguments could be answered.

"In order to indicate the seriousness of my view and the dangers to Congress, I made it clear that I could not be president of an organization that would truncate the Jewish community. I am part of the establishment which they resent. I will not play the role of "white" member of the establishment.

"I stated that I would not make myself available if they persisted in dividing the Jewish community and that they should measure the cost of such divisiveness."

Sydney Harris, regional Congress chairman advised the CJN that no vote was taken by the national executive committee on the question of the merger. The matter has been placed on the agenda of the regional council. The meeting date has not yet been established.

Hebrew-Yiddish in Toronto schools

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and the course curriculum will first have to be approved by the Department of Education.

Mr. Welch told reporters that school boards will have to work the courses in within their current budget guidelines.

The Education Minister said the languages offered in any area, "will depend on the cultural profile of the local community." Mr. Welch stressed, "The whole principle behind the new secondary school program is a great deal of community involvement." Mr. Welch indicated the new guidelines will allow schools to develop other new courses around any language, history, or culture, "which of course will, as well, be quite relevant to the multi-cultural nature of the Province."

Doug Penny, an Associate Superintendant of Curriculum in the Education Department said it would be too late for school boards to offer these courses in day school, for credit, in this academic year. He added that credit might be possible at night schools, which have not yet begun, if the school Boards can receive quick approval for their proposed courses.

Here in Metro, at least two high schools offer Hebrew in evening programs. They are Northview S.S. and Bathurst Heights S.S., both in North York. However, night school officials at Bathurst Heights have informed The Canadian Jewish News that their course is only oral, and thus cannot be offered at this time for credit.

Department of Education spokesmen point out that students are permitted now, and will be allowed under the new scheme, to transfer to schools, even out of their neighborhood, where a language or subject they desire, is offered.

Eban speech in Montreal

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East states and those other governments which have contributed to relief programs to relieve the refugee problem.

4. Drafting of agreed principles of peace between parties to the conflict.

5. Holding of joint meetings between Israel and Egypt under Ambassador Jarring's chairmanship for a permanent peace.

Everything looks better than 14 months ago

"Since the guns went silent 14 months ago," said Mr. Eban, "everything that happened was in a positive direction." Israeli papers are no longer publishing pictures of soldiers framed in black on their front pages. With minor exceptions, the Suez Canal, Jordan Valley and Golan Heights fronts are quiet. Since the 1967 war Israel has added another quarter of a million citizens to her population, part through immigration, part through natural growth. Employment is at a maximum and "everything is bigger' including the national debt."

Arafat and his much inflated El Fatah went into decline and it can be safely assumed that "they have a glorious future behind them."

"No international conflict," said Mr. Eban, "has ever been solved without direct negotiations.

He stressed the desire of Israel to resume negotiations under the chairmanship of Ambassador Jarring "provided they will not have the character of a dictate or ultimatum to Israel. The problem for Israel is to survive in conditions of siege. We shall survive in this condition and Jerusalem will never be divided again," Mr. Eban concluded.

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Living

An introduction to The Single Jewish Girl

by Linda Shapiro

A long time ago, when Noah marched the animals into his ark, there was one species that he forgot to include, namely the Single, Jewish Girl. How could he possibly forget about such a desirable creature? It was very easy! Firstly, in Noah's day, such an animal would have been labelled a "shanda," a social disgrace worthy of steerage class, at best; secondly, there weren't too many of these animals around; and thirdly, those animals who were around, weren't exactly bragging about their existence.

Well, in today's Aquarian Age, things have certainly changed! The Single, Jewish Girl (SINJG) travels first class, and in some cases, she is even captian of her own ark. Today the SINJG is most likely a university graduate, attractive, slim, athletic, skiis, plays tennis, rides a bicycle, has her own apartment, her own cleaning lady, her own car, is chic, cosmopolitan, wordly, assimilated, goes to synagogue occasionally, has visited Israel at least once, reads, writes, paints, attends night classes, travels alone and, much to the disbelief and bewilderment of the married world, does have moments of happiness, joy and growth. The fact that such an enigmatic creature as the SINGJ could even exist, and exist happily and productively, has intrigued, puzzled and aggravated many people.

These puzzled people can be divided into four major groups:

1. The Oh What A Shanda Parents!
2. The Mr. How About An Affair, already!
3. The Mr. I Just Got Divorced!
4. The How Come You're Not Married friends!

The main concern of the Oh What A Shanda parents is . . . "what if she should never get married . . . bite your tongue!" They are still hopeful that someday (soon!) their not so young spring chicken will COMPROMISE!

But imagine the practical problems of planning a simcha at HER age! How will it look if they put an announcement in the paper, or make a bridal shower, or a big wedding? Everybody probably thought that their daughter was married by this time already, because she doesn't live at home anymore. What if she married a divorced man with children? What kind of wedding can they make with a 3 sided family and stepchildren? Why couldn't their daughter just get married to a professional at 21 like their own daughter did, instead of giving them all this tsoris???

The main concern of the Mr. How About An Affair, already! is having an affair. He's 35-40, married, 2 children, affluent, well-preserved and he figures that it's about time he had a meaningful extra-marital affair, instead of all this casual cheating. So, instead of pitching his shiksa secretary, he discovers the existence of the SINJB. Whee! He figures that it really must be some kind of horizontal mitzvah . . . having a Jewish mistress! He immediately assumes that she must be a lonely, frustrated, easy mark because she isn't married! Two dinners at Julies, a ride in his air conditioned Lincoln . . .

The main concern of the Mr. I Just Got Divorced is getting married again. He's gone from his mother's house, into his wife's house and now, poor dear, he's been forced into his own house. He is really in that in-between stage . . . in between housekeepers, that is. So, he is forced to go back into the dating game again. Well, back in the summer of '42 when he was dating, "nice Jewish girls lived at home, always introduced their dates to their parents and never kissed on the first date." There just aren't any more of these girls around, he cries! Now girls have their own apartments, their own cars, their own minds! Poor baby, he doesn't know whether to feel threatened, challenged or overjoyed at this discovery!

The main concern of the How Come You're Not Married friends is why don't you get married already? How can you stand your own company? How can you be happy when you don't have the same man around you all the time in a mortgaged home in the suburbs, when you don't have any responsibilities, any debts, any children? What's the matter with you? Why don't you try going to Israel, or intensive psychoanalysis or a sensitivity group or a social club?

Well, parents see the SINGJ as a shada, a disgrace; some men see her as an easy mark; other men see her as a liberated emasculator and friends see her as a husbandless orphan.

But how does the SINJG see herself?

Well, if she is healthy and happy (and it is possible for a SINGJ to be happy and healthy) . . . she will see herself as a developed human being who has given herself the LUXURY of time - time to grow, to experience, to feel, time to get into herself, to get into those things and those people that fascinate her. TIME to discover her own sense of time and her own breed of freedom and happiness.

There IS a time to get married . . . but there is also a time to JUST BE. Can a single Jewish girl really be happy?

Why don't you ask one?

Emotional response

Soviet Jewry focal point for High Holy day sermons

by Judy Platt

Soviet Jewry joined the traditional prayers and the State of Israel as focal points of the High Holy Day services in many Toronto synagogues this year.

"I could tell you about my sermons," said Rabbi Michael Signer - a University of Toronto graduate student who substituted for Rabbi Jordan Pearlson - "but the real highlight of the holidays at Temple Sinai was the University Students' Service dedicated to Soviet Jewry. Twelve students composed the service, which included excerpts from Wiesel, Nelly Sachs, Bialik, Shlonsky, and original poetry. It closed with a dramatic reading about Yom Kippur in Moscow, accompanied by a Hasidic nigun played by guitar and flute. At its conclusion, spontaneously, the 700 - 800 people in the sanctuary took up the tune. It was tremendously moving."

A direct communication with a Russian Jew was dramatically made available to the congregation of Temple Emanu-el, as part of a Kol Nidre sermon by Rabbi Arthur Bielfeld dealing with social responsibility. "The outpouring of financial and emotional response," stated Rabbi Bielfeld, "was simply overwhelming."

Children are also "incredibly affected by hearing what is happening to their brothers in Russia," said Allan M. Gould, a York University graduate student who conducted Children's Services at Shaarei Shomayim Congregation. "The kids sat an hour past the announced close of the service to listen, stunned, to stories of how dangerous it was to be a Jew. I think their own Judaism which is so taken for granted was made more meaningful to them." About 2,500 New Year cards containing the Jewish calendar and the Hebrew alphabet were distributed after services by the youth at Beth Tzedec for congregants to send to Jews in the Soviet Union. Names and addresses of Russian Jews who have sought contact with the West in their attempt to emigrate to Israel were provided.

Also at Beth Tzedec, on Selichot evening a high school student reported on her visit to Russia and Israel this past summer. Judy Shier, 16, told of the moving encounter with Rivka Alexandrovich, whose daughter Ruth is in Soviet prison for her Zionist ties. On Kol Nidre evening the Young Adult Congregation pledged themselves to contribute towards an Israeli bond for Miss Alexandrovich, to stand as a symbol of faith in her eventually getting to Israel or to be used in the interim to assist in her release. Incredibly, the following day in the main sanctuary Rabbi Stuart Rosenberg excitedly read a telegram which stated that as a result of pressure placed upon the Soviet government, Ruth Alexandrovich was to be released in the near future!

Rabbi Erwin Schild, speaking before Neila at Adath Israel Congregation, proposed that we try to work for the admission of Russian Jews to Canada. "A gesture from our government to this effect," declared Schild, "would be a powerful statement to Soviet Jewry that they're not forgotten and there are governments who care about them. Russia might be more inclined to let them go to another country rather than Israel which would be embarrassing to their foreign policy." Schild has sent a letter to the Prime Minister containing this proposal, similar to one being presented in the United States Congress.

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Israeli underground revealed to Knesset

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Few people have suspected the existence of organized crime in Israel until very recently.

It is true that after the calm which followed the August 1970 ceasefire, crimes multiplied, but the general public did not think they were centrally engineered.

However, a Knesset statement by Minister of Justice Yaacov Shimshon Shapiro shocked Israelis out of their complacency.

Answering a Knesset questioner, Shapiro admitted the existence of an Israeli underworld, described in detail in a series of 13 articles by Dan Kislev in the independent Hebrew-language daily, Haaretz.

"Kislev's articles paint a grim picture," Shapiro said. "Some parts may be untrue or half-truths, but the really important facts are close to the truth and they represent a very serious matter."

The minister instructed the Attorney General to study the available material and if necessary report to the Cabinet.

The Haaretz articles were inspired by a series of unsolved murders, burglaries, assaults and drug trafficking cases, as well as by the first organized attempt at jail-breaking in the history of the country.

Local Mafia

A network of illegal gambling clubs exists in Tel Aviv, according to Haaretz, and huge sums change hands there every night, most of it obtained by robbery or fraud. Gamblers losing thousands of dollars carry out new robberies to recoup themselves, perpetuating a vicious circle of crime.

The police are fully aware of the operations of the gambling clubs, which are all connected with each other, according to the newspaper.

Haaretz also reported the existence of a protection racket extorting large sums of money from bar and restaurant owners, as well as a network of loan sharks using strong-arm methods to collect repayments and exorbitant interest.

In addition, Tel Aviv's Carmel Market is said to be dominated by local 'Mafia' which issues its own trading licenses and fights municipal inspectors who try to close down illegal businesses.

The 'Mafia' is said to have a private 'army' which will assault people and commit other crimes for payment.

Complaints are being voiced that police activities against organized crime in Israel have so far been only sporadic and that where criminals have been arrested their places have quickly been taken by others.

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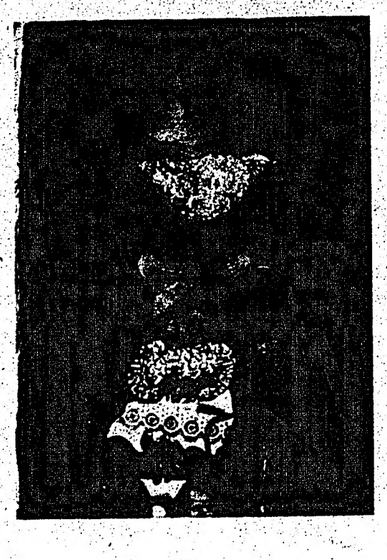

Boulanger exhibit highly decorative

by Szmuel Polander

Chagal is probably the most frequently encountered artist in Canadian Jewish homes. His lithographs, or various versions of the Jerusalem windows are hung in every den. Chagal scores heavily because he has used a number of **shtetl** themes, because he is somehow vaguely associated with the decor of **Fiddler on the Roof** and because his work is available in every sisterhood gift shop. It is indeed a blessing that his work is of the first rank, equal to that of other Jewish artists such as Chaim Soutine, Jack Levine and Ben Shahn among others.

If Chagal is the most frequently encountered artist in Jewish homes, second place probably belongs to Graciela Rodo Boulanger. Gallery Pascal, which specializes in prints is showing a collection of her etchings. The exhibition will continue until Oct. 20.

The reason for Boulanger's popularity is not hard to discover. The colors are deep and lively yet somehow rich and subdued. Boulanger studied with Friedlander in Paris and uses the same restrained palette, yet avoids the spikiness of her teacher's drawing.

Boulanger is all fun and whimsy. Her figures are childish tykes who stare blankly at the viewer, round faced and button eyed. The themes are gay; bicycle racers, circuses, children devouring watermelons. The paintings are highly decorative, full of texture and are frequently recommended by interior decorators who recognize fresh color schemes in the velvet hues she uses so generously.

In spite of her popularity, in spite of the readily recognized themes, in spite of the cheerfulness and color, Boulanger's work is excellent. Her etchings are accomplished, her reputation solid. The prices are also right with etchings ranging in from $65 to $200.

Although there is nothing remotely Jewish in her work, it is easy to predict that these effective works will continue to find an honored place in Jewish homes.

Born in Bolivia in 1935, Mme. Boulanger now lives in Paris and exhibits in New York, Buenos Aires, Zurich, Antwerp and Stockholm.

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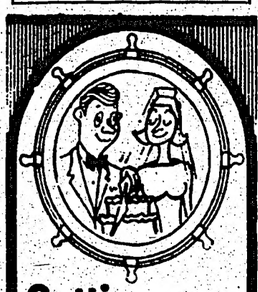
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Prime Minister Meir and her possible successors

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by Mark Segal

The antennae of political commentators in Israel have been whirling ever since Premier Meir intimated in her BBC TV interview that she might not continue in office after the 1973 Knesset Elections.

The reactions ran the gamut from utter disbelief to an I-told-you-so shrug. What did gain ground was a belief that Mrs. Meir was flashing a special kind of semaphore in the direction of her own Labour Party. The interpretation fell into two groups: she was indicating her displeasure on the behaviour of the party bosses and warning them they had better toe the line — or else. Or alternatively she really meant it and wants a clear decision on the succession.

Whatever the interpretation, there were strong tremors throughout the party machine. The telephone lines started humming, and only after reassurances were obtained did they stop dithering. The fact is that the highly practical politicians who run Israel's most smoothly oiled party machinery have always striven to avoid head-on collisions. Pragmatism and compromise are the words in their vocabulary.

Long-lived family: They are loyal

MOSHE DAYAN
Front-runner

to Mrs. Meir to a man, yet only reluctantly follow her activist foreign and defence policies, as they did those of Ben-Gurion in his time. But power accrues to them through her primary position in the nation's affection.

Mrs. Meir is at the height of popularity at home. Public opinion polls give her unprecedented backing far beyond what Ben-Gurion enjoyed in his hey-day. The opposition is fractured and plays no role at all in the power game since Menahem Beigin took Gahal back into the political wilderness.

The Prime Minister can stay on in office as long as she wishes. To go by her family history (the original Golda—her great-grandmother—lived to be 94), longevity has been the rule. At 73 she is getting younger every day and has tremendous sources of energy as this reporter witnessed when covering her Scandinavian tour.

Cakes and policy: To look for likely successors one need go no further than what has come to be known as Golda's Kitchen Cabinet. This is the popular term for the inner circle of Labour Party Ministers who convene with the Prime Minister every Saturday night. It is then that the real decisions are taken, to be unveiled to the world at the next morning's weekly Cabinet meeting.

There are usually two venues—either in the kitchen of her modest flat in the Ramat Aviv suburb of Tel Aviv, or in the more spacious drawing room of the official Prime Minister's residence in Jerusalem. Those who know say she prefers the Ramat Aviv kitchen where she serves tea and cakes with her own hands as major policy is thrashed out.

If economic policy is on the agenda, then Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir will be there, but he is not always on hand for foreign and defence policy decisions. He follows Mrs. Meir's lead implicitly in that area. If not there in person, he is certainly in on any big decision.

Political quartet: Those present are usually Defence Minister Moshe Dayan, Deputy Premier Yigal Allon, Minister-without-Portfolio Israel Galili, Justice Minister Yaacov Shimshon Shapiro, while Foreign Minister Abba Eban is invited there from time to time. Another occasional visitor is Housing Minister Zeev Sharef, but that is due more to the life-long friendship that he and his late wife have enjoyed with Mrs. Meir than any political pull on his part.

Shapiro was once mentioned as a likely compromise candidate but his name has not been mentioned for a very long time. He is said to be on the short list for the Presidency of the State once President Shazar steps down. The Sapir/Dayan/Allon/Galili quartet is always mentioned when talk of the succession arises, with emphasis on a particular name according to the speaker's personal support.

Softening her statements: British political history offers a parallel. Clement Attlee was chosen as leader of the British Labour Party as a compromise between Herbert Morrison and Arthur Greenwood. This is where Galili comes in. He is among the persons closest to Mrs. Meir. She is said to prize his disinterestedness and his capacity to phrase her tough statements in the right sort of measured vagueness so necessary for diplomatic necessities.

The 60 year-old member of Kibbutz Na'an is nearest to Mrs. Meir in his regard for socialist ideology. But he has not managed to project anything approaching the kind of public image required for the number one job. Galili has always best worked behind the scenes and is not quite comfortable in any language outside Hebrew. A highly intelligent man, he has played a major role in drafting Government policy statements for Mrs. Meir and has often served as her trouble-shooter, delivering speeches which reflect her thinking.

Galili's political position is a function of his proximity to Mrs. Meir, which underlines the theory that her position is like that of Elizabeth the First, the beloved monarch reigning over her loving citizens. Like Elizabeth, she is flanked by two powerful "Barons of the Realm", Sapir and Dayan, who control the only real subsources of power. Galili is a sort of Lord Chancellor within this framework of reference. But his office does not suffice to propel him into the top job.

Crown prince uncertain: The fact is that for the first time there is *no* clear line of succession. If previously it was Sharett and then Eshkol, with Golda Meir an obvious choice to succeed Eshkol, there is no such clarity of choice today. That is what is making the party bosses so nervous.

ISRAEL GALILI
Close to the throne

Allon's name is still mentioned but not with such conviction as before. He has been Acting Premier on a number of occasions ever since the late Levi Eshkol made him Deputy Premier. It was then that the Italian press (I was holidaying in Rome at the time) headlined Allon "El dauphino de Echkol".

Much has changed since then. His over-exposure on television, which he controls as Minister responsible for the Broadcasting Authority, has operated within the rule of advertising: oversell produces consumer resistance.

Sapir the Kingmaker: The recent revival of the old quarrels between the prestate dissident groups and the Haganah and his Palmach group has not endeared him any the more to the majority of Israelis who wish to leave old division alone. Nevertheless, public opinion is a fickle beast, and Allon's position is by no means settled. When the time comes he could perhaps receive the decisive support of Pinhas Sapir.

The Kingmaker, Director-General of the State. These are only two of the names given to the Finance Minister who it is said could assume the premiership, *if* he wanted to. He is constantly denying this, as did Dayan in a recent Israel television interview. Both of them have been quoted as telling members of their close circles that they would not take the job. Sapir is said to have admitted he is not the man for the top job in wartime, while Dayan has acknowledged that he has little chance against Sapir's party cohorts should the vote be cast during peacetime.

Working partnership: The reputed

ALLON WITH ARAB FRIENDS
Fluctuating image

hostility between them has simmered down into a respectful working relationship. According to popular legend, they made their truce over luncheon in a private dining room at the Samuel Hotel in Tel Aviv shortly before the 1969 elections.

The fact of the matter is that Sapir stopped taking public issue with Dayan's policies, while Dayan backs Sapir's economic programmes. Moreover Dayan's supporters say that Sapir the super-dove manages to mobilise the money required to finance the policies they like. Likewise Dayan's policies in the territories have been seen to succeed. The 100,000th tourist from Arab lands last month was only one symbol.

Tel Aviv Mayor Yehoshua Rabinowich, boss of the most influential of the big city party branches, reckons that the Party would vote 100 per cent for Sapir as Premier if he could guarantee Dayan stayed at the Defence Ministry, while 90 per cent of the Party would vote for a Dayan Cabinet if Dayan committed himself to keeping Sapir on as Minister of Finance.

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In a joint statement, the Co-Chairmen of the Synagogue Division, Dr. Norman W. Shaul and Lewis E. Field, expressed the gratitude and appreciation of the Israel Bond Organization for the unparalleled results achieved this year. "The results of the High Holy Day Appeals coupled with the earlier sales figures for 1971 bring us within realistic achievement of our $10 million goal this year," they declared. "Now, it is the responsibility of each and every individual who turned down a tab card at his synagogue, to translate his promise to Israel into CASH for Israel, for without the cash, Israel cannot proceed with the urgent tasks which face her on the home front – receiving new immigrants including those from Soviet Russia; raising the standard of living of poverty-line segments of the population; developing industries and agriculture and at the same time, maintaining her defenses at top strength. A promise to Israel, even on the Holiest of days on our Jewish calendar, is meaningful only when it can immediately be put to work to HELP Israel, which was the original intention of the purchaser. Delay in forwarding payment for pledges is breaking faith with the people of Israel who are already struggling with crushing economic burdens only our loan dollars can effectively make easier."

In the coming weeks, an intensive program of events has been scheduled by the Israel Bond Drive to mobilize the participation of individuals and groups, to speed the flow of cash to Israel, and to raise the standards of purchase in line with Israel's increased priorities.

The Officers of State of Israel Bonds of Toronto express their profound gratitude and appreication to the Rabbis, Officers, Committees and speakers who participated in the High Holy Day Appeals with such impressive results.

The following listing represents the amounts recorded by worshippers in Toronto congregations raising more than $10,000.

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It is noteworthy that BETH TZEDEC is the first congregation in Canada to attain a figure of more than $1 million dollars in Bond sales since the first of this year. BETH SHOLOM Congregation recorded the second largest total with more than $500,000 subscribed by members since the beginning of the year. Special mention is due SHAAREI SHOMAYIM Congregation for achieving the highest percentage rate of increase in both number of items and amounts, over last year's results. The following synagogues in aggregate raised a total of $43,750. Beth Meyer, Habonim, Kiever, Mogen David Sephardic, Machzikei B'nai Israel, Temple Har-Zion, Torath Emeth (Burnside), St. Clair Shaarei Shomayim.

This total will be increased by the addition of congregations not yet reported which include: Agudath Israel, Beth Israel, Borochov Centre, Kielcer, Torath V'Avodah (Wilson Avenue), Yavneh Zion and Yeshiva Tora Chaim. Aggregate totals for these exceeded $88,350 last year.

JDL seeks to mount rally vs Kosygin

Canadian members of the Jewish Defense League travelled to New York two weeks ago to consult with United States leadership on how the organization would respond to Russian Prime Minister Kosygin's visit here.

Milton Eugene, President of the Toronto JDL group advised The Canadian Jewish News that although he had been unable to attend the New York meeting, he had attended a planning session held in Montreal on Sunday, Oct. 3.

In a long distance call from Montreal, Eugene stated "We are going to hold a mass demonstration in Toronto on the day Kosygin is there. We will attempt to enlist the upport of other Jewish organizations as well as other ethnic groups and Christian organizations who sympathize with the cause of Soviet Jewry.

"Time and place for the demonstrations are left in abeyance until we have better information on Kosygin's itinerary. We expect Montreal members to come en masse."

When asked which ethnic groups would be invited to participate in the JDL demonstration, Eugene stated that it would include Ukrainians, Balts, Letts "and any others who sympathize with the cause of Soviet Jews."

The CJN asked Eugene whether the Edmond Burke Society would be welcome? Eugene replied, "The same thing. Anyone who would support us."

The Edmond Burke Society, a right wing organization, has on numerous occasions been involved in demonstrations which ended in violence.

Eugene stressed that JDL is especially eager to obtain participation by "at least one Christian Church organization." He would not specify which one he intended to invite.

UN to debate Middle East in November

UNITED NATIONS

There is an apparent hope within the Israeli delegation to the 26th General Assembly of the United Nations that a major debate on the Middle East can be avoided, but the general consensus of opinion here is that this is whistling in the dark. The British mission believes that there will be a major debate and they hope that its outcome "will be constructive."

Be that as it may, other, more pressing problems, such as the representation of Communist China, have put the Middle East in a secondary position this year compared to previous years, so the General Assembly is unlikely to discuss the subject until the middle of November.

Israel Foreign Minister Abba Eban, who is again chairman of his country's delegation and is now in New York, will have returned home but expects to come back again in November.

Israel's feeling that there should be no debate is predicted on the fact that there is no real urgency in the Middle East situation, as there was last year at this time. Then, the ceasefire was fragile, and had, in fact, been violated, and there was widespread doubt whether it could be stabilized.

Eban, in his speech to the General Assembly outlined some 10 peace options. If Egypt wants to say "no" to any or all of them, that is up to Cairo, one Israeli source said.

The source added: "It is high time to state options for peace."

None of Eban's options would require Egypt or the other Arab States to give up their positions in advance, as Egypt wants Israel to do.

· on the wire ·

Soviet pilots fly "Foxbat"

WASHINGTON – The Soviet Union's latest jet fighter, the MIG-23 (Foxbat) is now operational in Egypt, Vice President Spiro Agnew said here recently.

His statement was the first official American intimation that the MIG-23 had been operational in the Middle East. American sources said that at least 12 of the aircraft, said to be able to out-perform the USA Phantom, were being flown from several Egyptian air bases by Soviet pilots.

AVNER IS ISRAEL'S NEW OMBUDSMAN

JERUSALEM – Israelis can now seek redress from an ombudsman. Gershon Avner the director of the Public Complaints Commission, has already received a number of complaints against government bureaucracy.

Golda Meir, the prime minister, said in a message that the way was open for every citizen who felt he had a justified complaint to have in examined quickly.

Avner, a former ambassador to Canada, presides over a staff of 20 which operates as a new unit in the offices of Dr. Itzhak Nebenzahl, the state comptroller, who is the complaints commissioner.

CHRISTIAN GROUPS APPLYING "TWO STANDARDS" OVER JERUSALEM

NEW YORK – American Jewish lay and rabbinic leaders, representing the three Orthodox, Conservative and Reform trends of Judaism, have charged Christian groups with applying double standards in dealing with Jerusalem and cautioned that this seriously threatens the future of inter-religious relations.

A special assembly of the Synagogue Council of America heard its president, Rabbi Irving Lehrman, of Miami Beach, announce that he had issued invitations to American CAtholic, Protestant and Moslem leaders to "discuss our respective associations with the Holy City."

LANSKY FIGHTS TO STAY IN ISRAEL

JERUSALEM – Meyer Lansky, 69, who has been accused of involvement in organized crime in the United States, has started a legal battle over the decision by Interior Minister Dr. Yosef Burg, not to extend his residence permit.

The legal battle is expected to center on the question of whether Lansky is entitled to immigrant status under the 1950 Law of the Return.

The law gives all Jews – with three exceptions – the right to immigrate into Israel. One of the exceptions, the third, is "a person with a criminal past who is liable to endanger public peace." Sucj a person, the law states, "May be barred" from immigrating. Lansky is being investigated in the United States at the moment by a team called "Strike Force 18" set up by the Justice Department.

Evidence collected by the team was examined in Washington by the Israeli attorney general, who was given free access to all documents by the justice department. The relevant materials was subsequently placed at the disposal of the Israeli minister of the interior, who decided against extending Lansky's permit.

U THANT REVEALS HE HELPED RUSSIAN JEWS TO EMIGRATE TO ISRAEL

UNITED NATIONS – U Thant, stung by the widespread and frequently violent criticism within the American-Jewish community that neither he nor the United Nations in general is, or has been, doing anything about the plight of Soviet Jewry, has taken the unusual step of revealing what he has done, and taking credit for some successes.

Speaking at the annual dinner of the "UN We Believe" organization at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, the UN Secretary General said that in the course of the l st two years he had received appeals, "individually or collectively, for some 800 persons" in the Soviet Union, who had expressed a wish to emigrate.

"Last month, I was gratified to have been informed officially that more than 400 of the 800 applicants on my list were now in Israel," he stated.

Organized labor joins drive for Yiddish broadcasts to USSR

BOSTON — Jewish Telegraphic Agency

Pressures to get the United States Information Agency to begin broadcasting in Yiddish to the Soviet Union over the Voice of America mounted this week as a result of a campaign inaugurated by the Jewish Labor Committee to involve organized labor in the issue. The move came in the form of resolutions by trade union conventions calling on the involved agencies to act positively.

Some 200 delegates attending the Convention of the Maine State Federated Labor Council in Bangor, voted unanimously "that in keeping with the American ideal of showing solidarity with the oppressed and concern for human dignity and human rights, this Convention calls on the Voice of America to institute Yiddish language broadcasts to the Soviet Union."

A similar resolution was unanimously passed by 125 delegates attending the Vermont State Labor Council, AFL-CIO. Copies of both resolutions were ordered sent to the USIA and to Secretary of State William P. Rogers. Resolutions to the same effect will be under consideration by delegates to the Mass. AFL-CIO convention in Boston and the New Hampshire AFL-CIO convention in Nashua.

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The marriage of Yasha Kazacov to Edith Sholomoachis in Tel Aviv recently was an occasion for many reunions. Kazacov became well known last year for his successful hunger strike outside the United Nations building in protest at the U.S.S.R.'s refusal to grant exit visas to his family. They were with him at his wedding as were many new immigrants from Russia. Also among the guests was Prime Minister, Mrs. Golda Meir, who was reminded by one of the guests of her visit to a Russian Synagogue in 1948 during the time she was Foreign Minister.

(Israel Sun Photo)

Israel becomes oil power

by Moshe Ron

ABU RUDES

Quietly, modestly and without much fuss, Israel is becoming an oil power and is already satisfying the needs of the country as well as exporting it.

We remember on the Eve of Yom Kippur, 11 years ago, when the former minister for development, Dov Joseph, full of excitement, showed journalists a bottle containing the first oil found in Israel. After that, much drilling took place all over the country, but it only produced modest results. The oil found in Israel was only enough for 6% of the oil needs of the country, and 94% had to be imported from abroad.

Soon after the Six Day War, when the Israeli army occupied the east bank of the Suez Canal, there came a sudden turning point of great importance to the Israeli economy.

In the oil city of Abu Rudes, which is situated between the town of Suez and the Red Sea, more than 500 Israeli experts are engaged in drilling 119 oil wells, among them 19 in the Red Sea. They produce an output of six million tons of oil, 1 1/2 million more than the Egyptians used to produce here before the Six Day War. Abu Rudes provides all the oil needed by Israel.

The oil produced here amounts to $80 million and Israel makes a net profit of $50 million. It must pay part of this to the Italian company which worked here before the Six Day War.

A green-brown Dakota plane of the Israel oil company Netive Meft took us from Tel Aviv to Abu Rudes in a hour and 3/4. We flew over Sinai and the chain of high mountains which cuts the desert. Then we sighted the oil city with its drilling towers rising out of the sea and the gas flames which arise from the oil wells.

The visit of the Israeli newspaper editors in Abu Rudes was quite an event. Some of them still remembered the ruins of the oil installations and tanks after the Six Day War. Now everything has been rebuilt, reconstructed and modernized. A new settlement has arisen in the place. Dozens of specialists and laborers employed in oil drilling, have brought their families from all over the country to the desert. There are even some babies – sabras, who were born in this place.

The drilling goes on for 24 hours a day. The work is carried out under the eyes of the Egyptians who are drilling on the other side of the Canal in an oil field called Moran. There is some kind of a silent agreement between Israel and Egypt not to interfere with the work of the other side. This agreement was adhered to even during the fighting on the canal and the War of Attrition.

The Moran field produces 8 million tons of oil every year which is of great economic importance for Egypt. The Egyptian refineries in Suez were destroyed by Israeli artillery after the Egyptians sank the Israeli destroyer Eilat. The oil produced by the Moran field is transported through the Red Sea to refineries in Aden. Should the Egyptians try to interfere with Israeli drilling in Abu Rudes, or attack Israeli oil tankers, Israel would react strongly and interfere with Egyptian oil transportation from the Moran field to Aden.

Deputy Finance Minister Zevi Dinstein told the editors that although the drilling in Israeli territory had little success till now, the government has decided to invest further large sums for drilling. In 1970 millions of dollars were allocated for this purpose. Up till now, six deep drillings were carried out. They are continuing, as there are indications that the oil is there.

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Bill Davis is not new to the challenge of leadership. During his seven months as Premier, he has acted to stimulate our economy, to create opportunities for Canadians and for Canadian enterprise. He has acted on a wide front to clean up our environment—air, land and water. He has acted to expand and up-grade a variety of government services, from day care centres to free medicare for those 65 and over. In all, more than 130 pieces of legislation have been introduced, debated, and made law in those seven short months.

In the course of the present election campaign, Bill Davis continues to listen and speak out, but his promises are few. Our economy can ill afford the tax increases to which others have freely committed themselves.

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